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MARADONA TO COME?

ARGENTINA and Brazil have both now confirmed that they will come to Australia in July next year to compete in the Bicentennial Gold Cup competition.

But will the incomparable genius Maradona be in the Argentina party?

Said Australian Soccer Federation executive director Brian Emery: "Our London representative Patrick Nally is working on it."

"We have high hopes that he will be successful, but there is no answer yet."

Maradona's magnificence has lifted Napoli to leadership in this season's Italian First Division.

His presence would be

BY KEITH GILMOUR

a gate-buster. Grounds to hold the crowds would be at a premium.

The chunky striker has held out his hands for \$200,000 to play in the English Football League's centenary game at Wembley.

The other penny to slot into place involves the European nation to join in with Argentina, Brazil and Australia.

Holland has been favoured, but there is the possibility of another European nation replacing them.

Whilst Dutch support in Australia is limited, they have two internationals who are on their way to AC Milan.

Ruud Gullit is regarded as the new Johan Cruyff and Marco van Basten is his national team's central striker.

The Final

Two rounds in a four team league gives six games, to which is added the 3 v 4 play-off and the final.

"Matches are likely to be played in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra."

"The final would need to be in a city where the teams had not met."

"If for example it is Argentina v Brazil, then it would be in Melbourne if they had already played in Sydney, or vice versa," Mr Emery added.

Perhaps it is too much to hope that Australia will be there!

However, a top performance against World Champion standard countries would boost the game here.

Canberra could win a match ranking ahead of Brisbane, whose crowds for internationals have dived alarmingly.

On top of that the costs based on the logistics of the Brisbane trip aren't favourable.

But **MARADONA**? Here's hoping that he is signed, sealed and delivered for Australia's biggest ever Soccer event from July 6-17 1988.



DIEGO MARADONA, second from right, celebrates World Cup success with his Argentine team-mates in Mexico. Will the little maestro grace our grounds?

MARGARITIS DEFENDS BERGERS

HEIDELBERG coach John Margaritis yesterday hit back at Footscray JUST's claim that the club had had one visa player too many.

"We secured Scott Fraser's registration number and had cleared Paul Langsbury five days previously," said Margaritis.

The points for the game are up for grabs, and the NSL Tribunal will make the decision on April 30.

Heidelberg had the hearing put off until then, stating they needed time to complete their case.

Owens and Kevin Meacock.

Said Saints manager Frank Arok: "We will help them get clubs by releasing them regardless of the size of the transfer fees."

DOUG BROWN MOVES

FORMER Heidelberg striker Doug Brown has shifted to Fawkner for an \$8000 fee, but is yet to play with his new club.

Fawkner is one of the Victorian State League title contenders.

ASW DISTRIBUTION

Vastly increased supplies of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY are being delivered to newsagents in our recently augmented distribution network in Victoria.

This however is but an interim measure. Our aim is to have ASW at every possible Melbourne newsagency and newstand as soon as possible.

In addition the pattern will be expanded in other states so that your weekly Soccer paper will be readily available.

TO OUR NEW READERS — OUR AIM IS TO SATISFY YOUR NEED FOR A COMPLETE OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN SOCCER.

E.T. FOR OLYMPIC

EDDIE THOMSON's signature on the dotted line for a two-year contract with Sydney Olympic was close as we went to press.

Thomson would assume the role of putting Sydney Olympic back on an even keel.

He still however has some business to complete with Sydney City.

And that means having David Ratcliffe contributing in a playing role exclusively.

Meanwhile Manfred Schaefer, with a marvelous record of achievements at Olympic, looks ready to accept any worthwhile offer that comes his way.

SAINTS BARGAINS

UP to five St George players will find themselves with new clubs shortly.

Leading the list are former Newcastle stars Neil

WELCOME ABOARD!

THIS week we are pleased to greet two new faces to the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY scheme of things.

☆ Firstly, NSW State League writer Alex Vesic last week returned to his former home to convey to you the very best of news in this highly important area of Soccer.

☆ Secondly, in this issue for the first time, John Mangan, the former Soccer Action assistant editor, will bring you the latest, brightest and best on the Victorian State League.

Both these highly respected journalists will also delve into other areas as time goes on.

☆ Thirdly, we will be further adding to our staff, and further announcements will be made.

The Editor

NORMALLY this column would be dwelling upon events in the big world of Soccer outside our own AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY doors.

However the events of the past two weeks, which have seen us become Australia's only national Soccer weekly, are of such order of magnitude that comment upon them is not only desirable, but necessary.

The first point to make is that we will be increasingly pressing into South Australia and Tasmania, as well as completely updating our Melbourne and Victorian distribution network.

Arrangements for the latter are close to completion, so we will be announcing our new stance very shortly.

We already have our offices in Melbourne and Adelaide (see our publisher's panel). Melbourne is on line direct to our Sydney computer room and this will be an invaluable aid to us.

In addition new facilities are being planned to improve our communications with all other major centres.

With a newspaper it is natural that there must be the highest standard of journalism, and a complete understanding of the subject matter — in this case the unsurpassed sport of Soccer.

As a clear indication of the standards for which we are aiming and will achieve, we mention our recent appointments of our State League writers for NSW and Victoria.

Alex Vesic has returned to our Sydney bureau. His insights into the game will satisfy the most fastidious follower.

For Victoria we have welcomed former Soccer Action assistant editor John Mangan.

Already established as top writer on the Victorian State League scene, he will cover this area as well as providing West End League match reports.

We heartily welcome both these highly respected journalists aboard the ASW ship.

In order to provide the needed quality of cover we will be securing further contributors and will be making further announcements as the occasions demand.

One other important factor that has been receiving our attention is the need to broaden our Victorian cover, without, if possible, causing any contraction of our existing material — both in geographical areas and in subject matter.

We have always been the publication that is prepared to publish suitable articles and pictures on amateur, junior, schools and women's football.

To keep our readers informed of the latest news in the Oceania zone a new 'Kiwi Column' has commenced.

In addition ASW has gone out of its way to handle the major regional centres which include Newcastle, Wollongong and the ACT, as well as country Soccer generally.

Some of these departments are currently being upgraded. Announcement will come shortly on our ACT and NSW amateur section improvements.

The aim remains to do the best possible to provide for our increasing readership in these departments.

To keep all this exciting material up to our readers — together with increasing the Victorian news — may not fit into the current 24 page format.

Rest assured that we will announce a decision on increasing our page numbers the moment that it becomes necessary.

With all these aims in place and most of them about to be bedded down we can foreshadow a change in our day of publication.

For sometime now we have been on the streets in major cities and in as many centres as soon as possible on Tuesday mornings.

Our readers have appreciated receiving early in depth cover of Soccer — in recent times it has been 48 hours before that of our former competitors.

There is no doubt that, given the magnitude of our increased paper and the considerable detail required to satisfy the full needs of new Victorian readers, we should reconsider our publication date.

It could well be therefore, that we will switch from Tuesday to Wednesday to give you unrivalled WEEKLY news of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER.

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THE DYNAMIC DUO!

No! It's not Batman and Robin ... but FRANK COLETTA reports on a combination brewing in the land of Sunshine that might be just as effective.

PAUL TRIMBOLI and JOHN MARKOVSKI have already set their stamps firmly on the National League after just a month of competition.

The Australian Youth team-mates have developed an uncanny and lethal partnership in the striking line for Sunshine George Cross and Youth team supremo, Les Scheinflug hopes it will continue through October in Chile.

18-year-old Trimboli's exploits are well known. As a baby-faced centre-forward of 16 he displayed his unquestionable crafts in China during the 1985 Kodak Cup for Under 16's, the competition in which the

'Joey's' made the quarter-finals where they went down during a penalty shoot-out with Guinea. This after they had overcome the powers of Argentina and West Germany and Trimboli was singled out by the German coach as a player of "rare quality".

That was high praise for a fledgling boy of 16 but the young Victorian's aim is to prove all the constant raps right, and go on one day and represent his country at senior level.

Markovski has made his mark also. He became the youngest player to ever appear in the National League when he made his debut for George Cross as a 15-year-old, coming on as a

substitute in the National Cup last year against Footscray.

Now 17, Markovski actually came up through the ranks at Sunshine Heights and was introduced to the side after impressing coach John Gardiner.

Of the entertaining partnership building in the Georgie line-up Markovski has this to say: "It's just one of those things I guess. Paul and I just happen to work together well."

"I enjoy coming through the middle of the park and linking up with him. I'll usually just lay the ball off and he'll give me a beaut return and give us a good chance," says the strapping left-

midfielder.

Trimboli, who in fact was just nabbed by Sunshine from the Institute of Sport in front of Brunswick Juventus, has no doubts that the time they've spent in the same teams has only benefited their play together.

"We play in the same sides for both the Youth side and Sunshine, so obviously we are going to get to know each others play better as time goes on," he explains.

"Then we've had these camps for the Youth side and then training, well we're on the field together almost always. With me being a striker and John in the midfield it has always been likely that we'd

combine, we simply had too, but things seem to have gone better than we ever thought."

Asked why he preferred George Cross to Juventus, the AIS product said: "There was no one outstanding reason. They just asked to me to go down to the club and have a look around. I did and I liked what I saw."

Already Trimboli, also a product of Xavier College and Brighton Soccer Club, has achieved a couple of the ambitions he set himself. He has represented his country at the two youth levels. Now remains the final hurdle and he and his team-mate Markovski have no doubts as to the final step — they both want to make the Socceroos — of that happening there is quite a strong presumption that they could ultimately make it.

ROBERTO WELCOMES TOMMY BACK

THE Soccer wheel has turned a full circle for Marconi's new capture Tommy McCulloch.

The 23-year-old midfielder Soccer's return to Bossley Park was just as sudden and unexpected as his departure from the club to APIA-Leichhardt two years ago.

With Marconi in obvious need of a class midfielder to complete its line up, Roberto Vieri set his sights on McCulloch and in a matter of a few days Tommy was back where it all started for him in 1982.

The \$20,000 transfer from Sydney City was completed the day before the Slickers folded up.

Vieri is no stranger to McCulloch, in fact he was in the side when Tommy made his debut for the club a few days after his eighteenth birthday in an

Ampol Cup match against Canterbury Marickville Olympic back in February 1982.

The young midfielder's potential to reach the top was clearly evident and he went on to cement his place in the team, captain the National Youth side in the Mexico World Cup finals and represent his country at senior level.

In between all that, McCulloch made two attempts to break into the tough professional set-up in Britain, first with Southampton and later with Hibernians in Scotland.

While that is a challenge that he may consider taking up again, it is no longer his main priority.

Targetting

McCulloch's major target is to establish himself in Frank Arok's Socceroos and to help bring back the championship to Marconi.

"Your priorities tend to change as you get older," he stated shortly after returning to Bossley Park.

"Unless you make it big with one of the top clubs over there, you're probably better off remaining in this country."

"The future appears quite exciting for the Socceroos and I want to do everything possible to be a part of it."

That doesn't necessarily mean the end of his overseas ambitions.

"I might give it another go but I feel that at my age

I can afford to wait another couple of years before making a decision.

"I've signed up for two years at Maconi and will assess the situation at the end of my contract", he stated.

Vieri is more than pleased to have McCulloch in his side.

"Tommy will give us the bite in the middle of the park that will complement our attacking flair."

"I have always rated him highly and now I can detect a new maturity in his game. In my opinion McCulloch is the complete professional" said Vieri.

The presence of former Sydney City team mates Gerry Gomez and Frank Farina has enabled McCulloch to fit into the

team immediately and he is looking forward to renewing a partnership with Farina that goes back to their national youth team days.

Having spent a season at Leichhardt — where he was never really settled before going to the now defunct Sydney City — McCulloch's return to Fairfield will prove to be



TOMMY McCULLOCH

a great move for him — will be an even better one for Marconi.

— FRANK SCICLUN

MIKE PETERSEN — ANOTHER AUSSIE SUCCESS?

AS AJAX of Amsterdam prepares itself for a place in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final, MIKE PETERSEN, formerly of Brunswick Juventus and one-time rebel Socceroo, is on the threshold of glory in the top flight of continental football.



Petersen - Ajax.

Most of Petersen's time in Holland has been spent on the verge of the first team but he hasn't been able to command a regular spot in the side.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Tomorrow night Ajax set out to finish the demolition job they started on Real Zaragoza in Spain a fortnight ago, winning 3-2 away!

However, Petersen has made a strong impression on JOHAN CRUYFF, the one-time great Dutch international, now manager of the crack Amsterdam outfit.

Obviously time is on his side and the break into fame — and moreover fortune — can't be that far away.

Said Petersen earlier in the season: "Suddenly things started to happen for me."

"I signed the contract and was given a magnificent car (Citroen) and I've recently moved into a flat in Amsterdam."

The first duty to perform as an Ajax member for Petersen was to attend a gruelling week-long training camp in Bahrain, then play in two indoor tournaments with the club.

The first was in Munich when the club was slaughtered and finished seventh in an eight team competition. However the second outing in Stuttgart was much more profitable with a second placing to Bundesliga club FC Stuttgart, the home team.

According to Petersen, the atmosphere was marvellous.

Petersen came to the attention of Cruyff and Ajax during 1985 — ironically coincided with his well-publicised rift with Australia's national team boss Frank Arok.

The fall-out was patched up to an extent last year but when the offer came the Socceroo was more or less on his bike!

Previous to his joining Ajax, Petersen played for Port Melbourne, Heidelberg and Brunswick of course.



Petersen - Brunswick

CHAMPS TO CHUMPS FOR ADCITY?

BY TOM MCKAIN

“Why did God make me a coach” — MATIC

CHAMPIONS last year and relegated this year — that was the frightening possibility facing Adelaide City as we went to press.

- Centre-back Neville Flounders, the rock on which their defence is built, was declared out for the rest of the season facing a knee reconstruction operation.
- Forward Paul Wilde sidelined for at least three weeks with a driving muscle problem.
- Striker Joe Mullen told not to rush back after a minor knee operation.
- Midfielder Charlie Villani unable to train because of an ankle knock.

Forward Lemmy Vatsilas nursing a groin injury.

While the latter pair could be back this week, the shockwaves are still running through the club.

“It made us realise we just don't have the depth of reserve players,” said

coach Zoran Matic. “It is one thing to blend in newcomers one at a



JOE MULLEN

time, but when you have to throw in three or four at one hit it doesn't

work.”

This is particularly so in the case of City who built up a winning pattern last season, and one which newcomers find hard to blend with first time up.

Matic said he could have survived with newcomers Andy Toland, Vatsilas, Tim Mullen and young Colin Miller as the teams substitutes.

But, the string of five injuries made it imperative the club looked for experienced players who could walk into the side.

“I blame myself,” said Matic. “We got away with it last year, and now we realise it was stretching things too far to expect to go through this season with no serious injuries.”

“I still think we will survive in the league, but this has just made it all the harder.



SUCCESS for Adelaide City as BUGSY NYSKOHOU holds the Cup after taking out the National League last season — things aren't so rosy for Zoran Matic and his charges this time round though.

“Flounders and Mullen were two of our top players in key positions and Wilde was just coming good after being our super-sub last season.

“Why did God make me be a coach?”

As we went to press Matic and the club's coaching co-ordinator, former Socceroo Johnny

Perin, were combing the country for at least two experienced players.

They have overseas contacts but the players, if suitable, can't come until the end of the UK season.

While sponsors and supporters would no doubt rally around with cash, Matic and Perin are

against paying more to new signings than the wages handed to the players already there.

“We have a tremendous spirit at the club and we don't want to upset that,” said Matic.

“Somehow we will overcome the present situation. Don't write us off.”

SYDNEY CITY STAFFERS

BELOW ASW lists the situation of the staff from the defunct Sydney City.

EDDIE THOMSON — Sydney Olympic?
Jean Paul de Marigny — APLA
Abbas Saad — Sydney Olympic
Kevin Hagan — St. George
Steve O'Connor — St. George
Tommy McCulloch — Marconi
Robbie Hooker — Sydney Olympic
Ean Rodrigues — Melita Eagles
Alex Robertson — Melita Eagles
Grant Lee — Blacktown

Others such as Clint Gosling, Ian Souness and Brett Hughes have no team as yet.

“TIMING DISAPPOINTING” SAYS QUEENSLAND CHIEF

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE untimely dumping of Ian Brusasco from the ASF executive after 25 years serves has proved to strengthen the Queensland Soccer Federation's resolve.

“I am not just going to disappear as they would hope. I'll be at the next meeting, and the next and the next. I've been done before and I've worked from the backbenches before. They've not heard the last of me,” Brusasco said this week.

The QSF boss was sensationally beaten in a vote for the two vice-presidency positions at the ASF annual general meeting last week.

NSW's John Constantine, a vice-president last year, was returned overwhelmingly. But Brusasco, the ASF senior vice-president for the past three years, lost out to the ACT president Char-

lie Perkins by just two votes.

Brusasco was left like a shag on a rock when West Australian delegate, Joe Lacenza, backed the ACT-Victoria-South Australia push for Perkins.

“I just hope West Australia did not sell their word cheaply,” a bitter Brusasco said.

But Brusasco has no doubts the entire episode was manipulated by the National League.

“For years now I have been a critic of certain aspects of the national competition. They set out to get me and they did. It was obvious a deal was done and the ramifications will be felt later on,” he said.

“It seems the people behind the deal did not realise that the ASF is approaching a time when it needs a period of stability. We are facing a World Cup and an Olympic campaign and the announced departure



IAN BRUSASCO

next year of a long-serving president. We did not need things like this happening in our administration.”

What even further embittered Brusasco was the presentation of a plaque for his 25 years of service — after he had been dumped.

“The timing was most disappointing,” he said.

Although no longer on the finance and World Cup committees, as the Queensland delegate he will have an active role on the World Youth and Under 16 committees.

And his position on the development committee of the Oceania confederation is unaffected.

And he is already stated he intends to channel most of his efforts into Queensland Soccer, now his expertise is seemingly not required by some within the ASF.

“When I stop being angry about the whole thing then I will sit down and work out exactly what my next move and strategy will be. It's not the time to make decisions when you are angry,” he said.

The Crowds — Fat or Thin?

FRANK COLETTA gives an early insight into the support of lack of it of our National clubs.

AFTER just three rounds of the National League, the omens, crowd-wise, are yet to be proven.

The opening round of the much-awaited national competition was well-organised and reasonably well publicised. The potential gate-buster, St. George v APLA LEICHHARDT on the first night of the league had its fire unfortunately doused by a vicious rainstorm prior to the match.

However, this occurrence didn't deter 4,238 Soccer-mad supporters turning up to ‘The Big Kick-Off’.

Despite the atrocious weather conditions they were served up some bright football and some attractive preliminaries — whatever got on before the downpour. Everyone including the media did their part, and everything looked rosy for 1987.

‘Come Monday it will be alright’ — that's the way the song goes ... and you know ... the National League would have been smiling at the start of the new week!

An excellent crowd of 7278 turned up at Sydney Croatia's opener against

their Melbourne counterparts and 5187 saw the now defunct Sydney City dispose of Sydney Olympic.

All told nearly 30,000 people witnessed the start of the new NSL, that averaged out to about 4,200 each game.

The numbers declined severely in the second round, a total of just over 20,000 and in the third round nearly the exact same amount. Of course we are one game short on the first round and the six games would have attracted around 3,300 each. It is hoped the figures can rise to about the average of the first round. Come the end of the season ASW will print the entire lists of NSL crowd figures and add all the matches in pre-season.

Figures for clubs such as Marconi and Sydney Olympic may yet be boosted as their results come. After all there were those great attendances during the matches with FK Vardar of Yugoslavia.

WILSON WINS CAR

KENNY WILSON, the Melita Eagles captain, has just won a \$14,000 car as first prize in a raffle organised by State League side, Kingsford Hellenic.

Wilson, a former Sydney Olympic NSL player, bought a heap of raffle tickets in the fund-raiser organised by Kingsford's popular president, Mr Michael Tripolitis.

Kingsford, now coached by former international Joe Watson, raffled a Mitsubishi Colt hatch-back to raise funds for the club.

Mr Tripolitis told us: “I've known Kenny since he came to Australia from Scotland in 1978 and asked him to help us sell some tickets for our club. After weeks of waiting for butts to be returned to us, I rang him the night before we were drawing the car.

“Kenny told me that he had sold none as yet and felt embarrassed but

offered to buy the lot allocated to him to sell”, reflected Mr Tripolitis.

The good natured Wilson, has had some bad luck over the last six weeks with a nasty knee injury.

But his luck suddenly changed recently.

The president of the NSW Soccer Federation, Mr John Constantine, drew out the winning ticket that had Wilson's name on it.

Always ready for anything humorous, Kenny laughingly told us this week: “Imagine the look on John Constantine's face when he saw my name on the ticket?”

JOHN ECONOMOS

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JEKYLL AND HYDE EFFORT
BY BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

JEKYLL and Hyde Brunswick Juventus scored its most hard fought victory of the season to date in the wind and rain at Anderson Road on Sunday.

Juventus overcame swirling winds, chilling showers and a slippery pitch — as well as some strange refereeing — to defeat home side Sunshine George Cross 2-0.

Goals either side of half-time from John Yzendoorn and Andrew Zinni set Juve up for its third win of the season in a match which estab-

By GREG BLAKE

lished that there is certainly no love lost between these two teams.

But, this sometimes excessively physical clash was overshadowed by an even more sinister spectre — one that has haunted the WENSL in recent times — that of poor re-

fereeing.

Saying match referee Sam Zoumas lost control and made some puzzling decisions would not do the man justice.

In my opinion Zoumas, quite simply, was very ordinary indeed.

He booked players for time wasting, while ignoring what I thought were some horrendous tackles.

He allowed play to continue after blatant free kicks should have been awarded. He should have, in my opinion, sent off one player, who having already been booked, was allowed to get away with the most cynical of fouls later in the game.

It left the press and fans incredulous in what was otherwise a thrilling game.

"Indifferent, to say the least," was man-of-the-match Yzendoorn's appraisal of Zoumas.

"I'd rather not comment because some of the performances of referees this year have been very disappointing."

"That's the third (bad one) in a row," said Sunshine coach John Gardiner.

"I'm just amazed at some of the things that

happen, but really it is up to the inspectors."

Despite the inclement weather the action on the park was red-hot for 90 minutes.

Juventus was the dominator for much of the game with the midfield led by the imposing Scott Patterson.

With Yzendoorn leading his defence with style and grace, Juventus always looked worth two points and it was fitting that Yzendoorn should get the opening goal 25 minutes in the first half.

The Juventus sweeper scored his third goal of the season as he went in unmarked to head in Patterson's swinging corner from the left.

Zinni's 59th minute goal had a touch of luck about it.

Mehmet Durakovic hoisted a hopeful long ball forward from inside the George Cross half which fell for Zinni and the Juventus striker, despite claims for off side, took the chance to beat the goalkeeper with clinical efficiency.

"That's two on the trot and we can still play better — we are looking forward to big things," said a smiling Yzendoorn after the game.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Taylor, Campbell, Parton, Faulkner, McLaren (72nd Markovac), Gilder, Markovskii, Bain, Trimboil, Marth.
JUVENTUS: Marrema, Durakovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Cullen, Incantulupo, Lane, Patterson, Zinni, Grbec.
Referee: S Zoumas.
Crowd: Abt 2000.



MARCONI's midfield enforcer CRAIG MASON moving up the field for the Fairfielders.

DE COSTI SEAFOODS
LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Syd Croatia	4	4	-	-	15	4	8
Leichhardt	4	2	2	-	10	6	6
Marconi	4	3	-	1	6	3	6
Brunswick	4	3	-	1	5	3	6
South Melbourne	3	2	-	1	6	3	4
Adelaide City	4	2	1	1	10	5	5
Melbourne Croatia	4	2	-	2	5	9	4
Preston	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
H'berg	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Footscray	4	-	1	3	2	8	1
Olympic	3	-	1	2	1	5	1
St George	4	-	1	3	1	7	1
Sunshine	3	-	-	3	1	8	0

SAINTS OUST OLYMPIC FROM CUP

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, twice winners of the NSL Cup, last Wednesday night were sent crashing out of this season's "Beach Fashions Cup" by an inexperienced, yet plucky St George at the St George Stadium.

The young Saints blocked out Sydney Olympic's star-studded side for 120 minutes, before referee Richard Lorenc ordered the penalty shoot-out decider.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

And of all players to miss with his penalty shot, it was Olympic's captain-coach, David Ratcliffe who hit the base of Mike Gibson's left post to give St George the match 5-3 on penalties.

The first session was even with Olympic's newly-signed right-back, Robbie Hooker, in the 14th minute, sending in a scorching 20 metre piledriver that St George goalkeeper Mike Gibson got down well to.

The 20th minute saw Saints' right midfielder, Pedro Ricoy, barely miss the target with a spectacular diving header following a cross whipped in from the right flank.

The St George back-four of David Green, Steve O'Connor, Mike O'Shea and George Kulscar, more than held off Olympic's strong raids from Terry Patalis, John Kosmina and Chris Kalantzis.

Kalantzis' crashing raids down the left flank at one stage had Green turning red with embarrassment as the flying winger sailed past. But Kalantzis' crosses lacked support inside the box.

Olympic's midfield trio of Stuart Johnston, Peter Kotamanidis and Andy Zervas, lacked any quality distribution for their frontmen, which allowed the St George defenders to smother all Olympic's attacks.

Saints' Kiwi international striker Kevin Hagan easily rounded Olympic's free-back Tony Dakos in the 64th minute. But Hagan's glorious ball — cut back into the six yard box — was bombed by their young striker, Scott Hughes whose point-blank, first timed side-footed shot rocketed over Gary Meier's cross-bar.

The 81st minute saw St George goalkeeper Mike Gibson smother a six metre hot-shot from Kalantzis. The 99th minute, following a corner on the right, Saints' giant midfielder Craig Moffitt rocked Olympic's cross-bar with his powerful header.

Sydney Olympic must

learn, and learn quickly, to feed Australia's deadliest striker in the box, John Kosmina with quality supply. Until they do, they will keep on struggling.

It is a cardinal sin to watch Kosmina, Australia's former World Cup skipper, repeatedly being crucified with poor balls knocked into him.

Spiteful tackles crept into the match as frustration set in, but ever-efficient referee Richard Lorenc quietly yet quickly moved in to enforce law and order.

The penalty shoot-out saw successful shots reeled off by Graeme Fletcher, John Kosmina, Scott Hughes, Peter Raskopoulos, Mike O'Shea, Spyros Hantzis, Steve O'Connor, and Mike Grbevski.

Best for the Saints

were O'Connor and O'Shea, whilst Olympic's stars were Hooker and Patalis.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Green, O'Connor, O'Shea, Kulscar, Grbevski; Ricoy, Porter (Fletcher 70th), Moffitt; Hagan (Lampropoulos), Hughes.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Johnston, Kotamanidis (Svinos 76th), Zervas (Raskopoulos 64th); Patalis, Kosmina, Kalantzis.
Referee: R Lorenc.
Crowd: 3,105.

SAINTS BLOCK OUT OLYMPIC

MIKE GIBSON, St George's goalkeeper, with a magnificent display between the posts, earned his side its first league point in the 0-0 draw with Sydney Olympic yesterday.

He virtually single-handedly blocked out Sydney Olympic.

The first 20 minutes saw Olympic apply enormous pressure on the Saints' goals as first, centre-back George Haniotis, then John Kosmina tried their luck at the target.

Two minutes before half-time Olympic looked serious in trying to win the match. From a Raskopoulos free-kick in the 43rd minute on the right and 25 metres out the Olympic captain swung the ball over the top to the back post to find Chris Kalantzis. Kalantzis' ten metre angled shot shaved the left post.

One minute before half-time Kalantzis crossed from the right flank to find Olympic's deadly striker Kosmina who headed strongly from right in front but St George goalkeeper Mike Gibson diving sharply to his left nailed the ball brilliantly right on the goal-line.

Six minutes into the second session St George sharpened their attack by bringing on experienced NSL striker Graeme Fletcher for Scott Hughes.

This change greatly enhanced the St George attack as he combined brilliantly with Kiwi striker Kevin Hagan

By JOHN ECONOMOS

causing problems to the back four.

The best chance of the match fell to Olympic in the 56th minute when centre-back George Haniotis sprayed a long ball wide to the right into the box to find his captain Raskopoulos. The midfielder blasted in from 12 metres at the target but Gibson magnificently saved the booming drive.

Sydney Olympic in the 76th minute had yet another glorious chance to bust the deadlock when striker Terry Patalis streaked away into the St George box. Patalis clipped his point blank shot at the target but man of the match goalkeeper Gibson again got the Saints out of goal tipping the shot over the woodwork.

Stars for St George were Gibson, Fletcher, O'Shea whilst Olympic was best served by Raskopoulos, Saad and Haniotis.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Hooker, Haniotis, Ratcliffe, Hantzis; Saad, Raskopoulos (Dragicevic 76), Estavillo (Johnstone 71), Patalis; Kosmina, Kalantzis.
ST GEORGE: Gibson; Green, Kulscar, O'Shea, O'Connor, Grbevski; Ricoy, Porter, Moffitt; Hagan, Hughes (Fletcher 51).
Referee: G Power.
Crowd: 3732.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (G Arnold, R Slater) b PRESTON 1 (RCampbell) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4000.

MARCONI 1 (F Farina) b HEIDELBERG 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2300.

BRUNSWICK 2 (J Yzendoorn, A Zinni) b SUNSHINE 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1500.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 ST GEORGE 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3750.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Vasilas 2, Santrac) at Middle Park. Crowd: 2781.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Jennings, Vilestra, Rozic, Clinch, Slater, Savor, Arnold, Jurin (Lamond 75), Jones, Rumora (Rezo 55).

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Pezzano Tredinnick (Parison 75), Yankos, Bertogna, Brown, Zajmi, Katholos, Butler, Lorens, Ward, Phillips.

Referee: G. Power. Crowd: 1367.

JEFF OLVER PREVENTS A FEAST OF BERGERS

TO see a 1-0 scoreline in favour of Marconi over Heidelberg is one thing but to tell the true story is another.

In short the battle at Bossley Park on Sunday was Marconi versus Jeff Olver.

The Fairfielders weren't short on opportunities and when Olver was beaten the woodwork denied them three times.

Said Olver afterwards: "I'd say that was my best effort of the year. And don't let others tell you that we were lucky with all those shots off the crossbar — that's part of the 'keeper's armoury!"

Despite all the efforts of the Soccerroo custodian, Marconi always looked to have the game in the bag and as early as the third minute Gerry Gomez came close with a header from a Zlatko Nastevski free-kick.

As ever the Marconi approach play was a treat to watch but the finishing touch either

BY FRANK COLETTA

wasn't there or was denied by Olver.

This was so after 13 minutes when Gomez latched onto a cross from David Lowe and Olver showed superb reflexes to dive full length and turn the ball around for a corner.

Then four minutes later Steve Maxwell volleyed from a Frank Farina pass and although the strike wasn't as well struck as it might have been Olver was forced to scramble once more. Against the run of play the nippy Berger forward Peter Tsolakis found himself absolutely clear, five metres from goal only to screw his shot against the far post.

Marconi's pressure was continuous and forceful. Five minutes from half-time Lowe

had, for all money, scored the goal of the year with a beautifully timed and vicious first time volley but Olver leapt like a mullet from water to punch the ball over the bar.

But the Fairfielders were undaunted and grabbed what was to prove the winner two minutes later when a beautiful move started by Lee Sterrey was finished by Farina.

Sterrey took the ball into his stride just inside the opposition half, played a firm pass onto Maxwell in the area who flicked on with the outside of his boot to Farina and his strike went underneath the falling Olver.

Not to be overshadowed by his opposite Marconi goalkeeper Bob Catlin was strong and safe in all that he did for the home side.

Lowe was in a mean mood indeed and another 25 metre strike left the crossbar wobbling for some time 12 minutes into the second

half.

Then the miss that had Farina's team-mates ribbing him endlessly in the dressing-room.

Maxwell made a fine jinking run in which he beat two men and Olver near the by-line. With no-one in front of him and just two metres from goal Farina contrived to smash the ball with a side-footed shot!

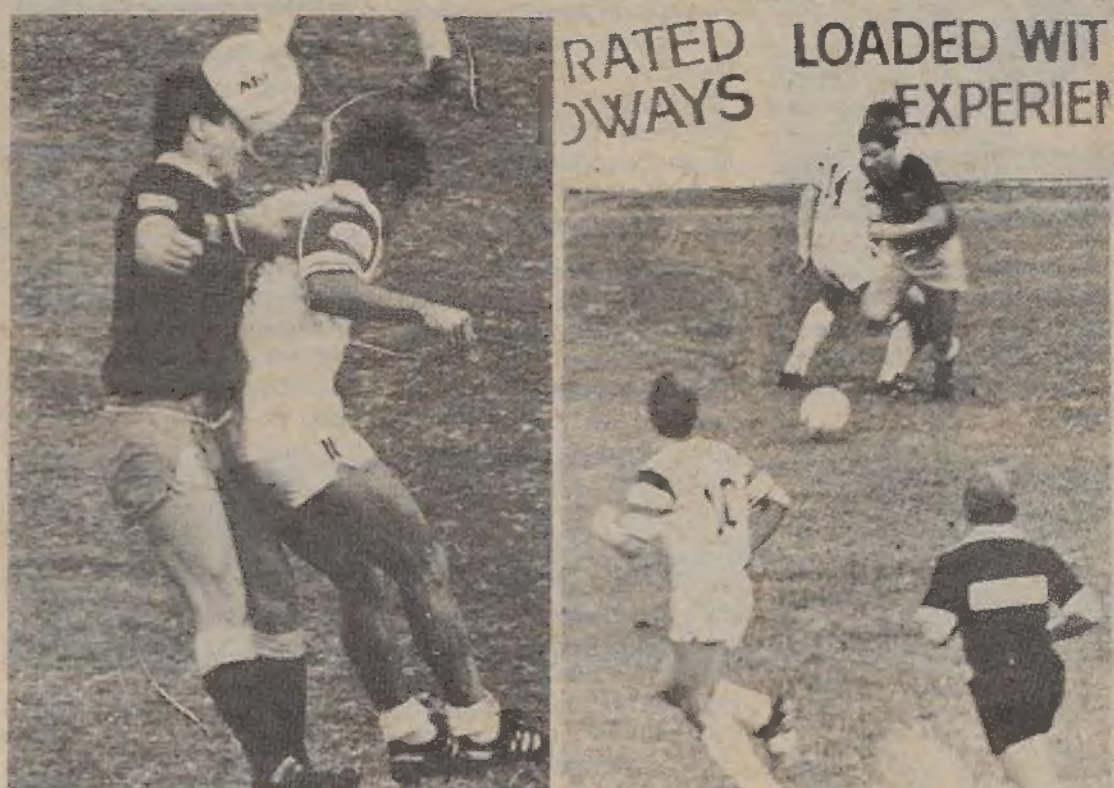
The game ended on a sour note Maxwell was brought crashing down when in the clear by Chris Ketsakidis who was sent-off by referee Arthur Owens — a brave and commendable ruling.

Craig Mason deserves a special mention for a whole-hearted effort in the midfield, building the platform on which his side took the game.

MARCONI: Catlin, Sterrey, Wheatley, Henderson, Gomez, Mason, Lowe (Gunning 74), McCulloch, Farina, Nastevski (Carbone 74).

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Ketsakidis, Hunter, Kanesoulis, Marley, Anastasiadis (Deligiannis 69), Lucchesi, Fraser, Selemidis, McKinnis, Tsolakis.

CROWD: 2382
Referee: A. Owens.



Apia defender Arno Bertogna (left) hits a firm header and the ball seems to collapse. In our photo on the right Apia's Burim Zajmi makes one of his many determined runs against Footscray.

==APIA LOOKS GREAT!==

THE after-match comments of the respective coaches told a deal of the story as APIA-Leichhardt waltzed in 3-1 winners over Footscray at Lambert Park on Saturday.

Said APIA's Rale Basic: "Our instructions were to press forward right from the kick-off, and we had a copybook first half."

"The way we went we could have scored any number of goals."

Footscray's Drago Sekularac took it all on the chin, saying: "APIA showed mentally and physically that they could play the better football."

"This is a 30% better league than last year, but we have a 40% drop in our team's ability."

It would be impossible to point to any APIA player who did not stick to his task manfully.

The award for bad luck must go to Burim Zajmi who went close many times, including an absolute gem of a piledriver that rocked the far post

BY KEITH GILMOUR

with three minutes remaining.

Zajmi completely demolished Footscray left-back Eddie Campbell. Zdravko Lujic tied him up for a while, but Sekularac pushed Lujic forward when the game was as good as lost.

APIA could also point to the success of Jean-Paul de Marigny's debut following his arrival from Sydney City.

Only for a while in the first half did Footscray look the part. At that stage they stroke the ball around in typical Yugoslav style.

The fact that Footscray were so poverty-stricken should not detract from APIA's win.

They could have had five in the first half, but settled for a 1-0 lead after Rod Brown scored after the remarkable Edward Lorens' shot bobbed clear of opposing goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic's arms.

Arno Bertogna claimed a penalty after Tom Karic was adjudged to have brought down Zajmi in the 58th minute.

Rod Brown took the count to 3-0 with a brilliant 69th minute placement after Zajmi had rounded Campbell.

It was all over before Nick Burlak beat Tony Pezzano with a left-foot volley from Sulieman Curovic's cross.

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, De Marigny, Yankos, Bertogna, M. Brown, Trodinnick, Zajmi, Butler (Katholos 68), Lorens, R. Brown, Phillips (Ward 58).

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, James, Karic, van Egmond, Tapel (Burlak 68), Radovojovic (Spink 46), Latif, Bozinovski, Lujic, Curovic, Campbell.

Referee: A. Kibbler. Crowd: 2150.

SYDNEY CROATIA STAY ON TOP WITH STRONG EFFORT

SYDNEY Croatia strengthened its West End NSL title claims with a vigorous win in bleak conditions at Connor Reserve against Preston Makedonia.

While Preston was unlucky not to come out of the clash with a point, it was the Sydney team's razor-sharp forward line which made the difference.

By JOHN MANGAN

The game swung Croatia's way in the first half with Zarko Odzakov showing no signs of the leg injury he was carrying and Preston's team being weakened by the taking off of Zoran Tasevski with a badly bruised back.

Croatia snatched the lead in the 22nd minute when Graham Arnold scored but Preston fought back and, with Zoran Ilioski and Ron Campbell providing plenty of drive from midfield, delighted the home crowd.

The Melbourne side's reward came in the 58th minute when Ilioski dribbled skilfully into the area and turned the ball inside to Campbell, who shot past Tony Franken.

Billy Murray's men's joy was short-lived, though, as the visitors showed that they were not going to be content with a point.

Odzakov, who was constantly in the thick of the play, put Robbie Slater through on the



Sydney Croatia midfielder Zarko Odzakov.

right. Slater, hounded by Con Opisanas, found room and stunned all present by blasting in a superb goal from the edge of the box.

Croatia, however, did not rest on its laurels but continued the pressure, finding large holes in the defence of the Preston

team, which was desperately pushing forward for an equaliser.

The game was hard fought, right up until the final whistle.

Preston coach Murray said after the game that he had been happy with his team's performance but the side won't be balanced until import Di-

movski arrives in the next few weeks.

PRESTON: Triandis, Opisanas, McLennon, Jackson, Dobson, Tasevski (N van Egmond 30th min), Ilioski, Campbell, Stewart, Smith, Gojevic.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Savor, Jennings, Viletstra, Rozic, Slater, Arnold, Jones, Rumora, Lamond (Cinch half time), Odzakov (Rezo 80th min).

Referee: Bob Davies.
Crowd: 4000.

ADELAIDE SPANK CROATIA

THE reigning Australian champions ADELAIDE City tarnished the reputation of Melbourne Croatia's superstars with a convincing 3-0 win at Melbourne's Middle Park.

The champions dictated the pace of the game right from the outset with Adrian Santrac, Charlie Villani and Vidmar taking a tight grip of the midfield and engineering most of the attack.

In a stark contrast Melbourne Croatia failed in the midfield with Josip Biskic, new signing Willie Herd, Jim Campbell and Alan Scott completely out of the game.

Croatia engaged in man-marking thus creating a vacuum in the middle of the park which gave Adcity's creative midfield the space to build up their attacks.

Lenny Vatsilas broke the deadlock after 13 mi-

nutes with a gift goal from inside the area. Charlie Villani took a corner from the left pumping the ball into the area.

Mirko Runje missed the ball completely only to see it rebounding off Vatsilas's body into the net.

Four minutes later Croatia's expensive signing Ian Wallace steered the ball into the net with a tremendous header but the goal was disallowed by the referee Ken Small.

Adelaide City increased the pressure on their opponents in the second half and doubled the margin in the 66th minute when Vatsilas again turned the ball into the net with a header from a free-kick by Santrac.

Croatia came close to

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

reducing the margin in the next few minutes when Paul Lewis connected with a long cross by Biskic, but a well-placed Willie McNally sprang to his left to parry.

Adcity secured their win in the 67th minute with the third goal again from a Santrac free-kick.

Herd was reported as carrying groin injury which apparently forced him out of the game.

As for Ian Wallace, the player who has become the focal point since he joined Melbourne Croatia, the failure of his team to carry the ball forward throughout the game reduced him to an average player unable to find the gaps in Adcity's defence and score the elusive goal.

CROATIA: Runje, Davidson, McIntosh, Dunn, Hanna, Biskic, Herd (Lemezzina), Campbell, Wallace, Scott, Lewis.

ADELAIDE: McNally, Tobin, Shillabeer, Nyskohous, Mehta, Santrac, Villani, Doland, Vidmar, Vatsilas (T. Muller), Milosevic.

Referee: K. Small
Crowd: 2500

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**SUTHERLAND 2
FRESHWATER 0**

Sutherland celebrated its first win of the 1987 League season, much to the relief of its president, Peter Gray.

"I was worried about Warringah Freshwater, particularly after their second grade whipped us, but all's well that ends well," said the likeable Sutherland president after the match.

In an evenly fought match the home side took its chances and Warringah didn't and that was the difference at the end of this Seymour Shaw encounter.

Warringah broke through from the kick off but failed to capitalise and that was the one that shouldn't have been missed!

Eleven minutes into the match Sutherland's sweeper, Peter Terry, raced forward. He struck

a fierce drive from outside the box but the keeper was on hand to make an attempt at saving this shot.

Somehow he lost the ball and it bounced over his body and into the net.

An element of luck, but they all count.

With Denis Corrigan and Steve Knight playing well for Warringah and John O'Shea and Harrington holding strings in midfield for Sutherland a dour struggle developed with few chances being created.

Just as it looked that Sutherland would win by the slenderest of margins, Warringah threw its players forward, allowing for a quick break by Craig Hall.

He found Daryl Sharpe in a goalscoring position but he in turn elected to pass to an unmarked Greg Lerond who scored.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R.O'Shea, Sellar, Terry, Nelson, J.O'Shea, Meades (Tasker 43rd), Harrington, Lerond, Hall, Sharpe.

FRESHWATER: Warren, Kelly (Gillan 46th), Duckling, Dean, Watt, Knight, Campbell, Marshall, Corrigan, DeCeglie, Giannone (Friend 80th).

**MELITA EAGLES 4
NEWCASTLE 0**

Ean Rodrigues was signed up by Melita Eagles from the Sydney City club last week and he proved his worth in the first outing for his new club, scoring one goal and being involved in most of the attacking moves.

Melita's four goal rush was long overdue according to Melita officials but had it not have been for young Craig Grills in goal for the Novocastrians the result could have been far worse for them.

Andrew Callanan shook his head in disbelief as Grills made some superb saves in the 10th and 23rd minute.

However, Callanan made good his shot in the 18th minute after a break by Meerbani and an unfortunate miss by Bob Mountford which gave Melita its first half slender lead.

Callanan suffered further frustration in the 56th, yet again unable to beat Grills from point blank range.

But the wind went out



ACTION from the NSW State League second division match played on the weekend between Avala and North

of Newcastle's sails as the Eagles stormed home to score three goals in the last 14 minutes.

Rodrigues's shot was deflected onto the crossbar and from the ensuing melee Lenny Vial found the net.

Rodrigues got his goal in the 81st and Vial hit his second with three minutes remaining after some good work by Reveley.

Newcastle had its own chances with Penfold facing Pupovac in the 47th then Nigel Drysdale in the 77th. However Penfold lobbed the keeper and the crossbar and Drysdale simply missed the target.

MELITA: Pupovac, Williams, Meerbani, Cabessi, Reveley, Ortiz, Rodrigues (84th McFadden), Callanan, Brown (74th Vial), Farrugia, Sarbas.

NEWCASTLE: Grills, Milosevic, Roberts (23rd Nicholson), Mountford, Bailie, Bowen (McGuinness 85th), Gresham, Drysdale, Cavanah, Penfold, Bland.

**INTER MONARO 0
BLACKTOWN CITY 4**

BY GRAHAM COOK

Former AIS students Jason Van Blerk and Kurt Reynolds got amongst the goals on their return to the ACT district with Blacktown City on Saturday.

They scored three of the four goals as City moved back to the top of the State Bank League with a coolly efficient 4-0 demolition of Inter Monaro.

Blacktown needed a confidence booster after

last week's loss to Ku-ring-gai and it was not long coming. With three minutes gone a Van Blerk corner was relayed by Paul Kay to an unmarked Peter Denyer who had no trouble in finding the bottom corner of the net.

It was no surprise when Blacktown went further ahead in the 32nd minute. Van Blerk shook off a tackle from Angelo Titilas and with the rest of the defence stricken by indecision slipped the ball past stranded Denis Maricic.

The third came after half time with Van Blerk once again involved. Maricic dropped the winger's corner kick and Reynolds sneaking up from defence thumped the loose ball home via the underside of the crossbar.

And to round up the happy day for Van Blerk he was on hand when Brian Ellem drew the totally demoralised Inter Monaro defence to give the youngster a free header.

City coach, Les Scheinflug, was generous in his praise of Monaro's approach to this match: "They were without key players Marko Perinovic and Sebastian Giampaolo but they did not try to spoil the game," he said.

Blacktown City Demons returned to the top of the table after an effortless 4-0 drubbing of Inter Monaro at Queanbeyan last Saturday. The Demons were helped by

Wollongong City Wolves with their 2-1 win over Canberra City at the Showground.

And while the Demons are in charge at the top it is imperative to notice the success of Manly Warringah, the side most predicted would finish well down the ladder. Manly is well on the way to yet again being in the top four at the end of the season.

Melita Eagles crushed Newcastle and with further additions to the squad look the likely menace to the leading quartet.

INTER MONARO: Maricic, Domazetovich, Gaggeti, Monteroso, Titilas, Ambrosino, Felizzi, Panbianco, Valeri, Fernandez (Chicco 27th), Colbertaldo.

BLACKTOWN: Watson, Maier, Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, Denyer, Kay (Sharpe 80th), Ellem, Sandy (Jeffery 60th), Cotton, Van Blerk.

**KU-RING-GAI 1
CANTERBURY 1**

"We wuz robbed" came the message, loud and clear from the Ku-ring-gai camp as Canterbury scored its equaliser in the dying seconds of the match at Parklands last Sunday.

With Ku-ring-gai hanging on to its slender 1-0 lead, Canterbury came forward through Nelio Borges, who slipped his pass to Zlatko Arambasic and the youngster had only goalkeeper Andrew Lacey in goal to face. He netted amidst protests from that Arambasic was metres offside!

The appeals fell on deaf ears as Nick Asargiotis, the referee, pointed to the centre spot. Seconds later this game drew to a close with Ku-ring-gai officials and supporters voicing their disapproval of the refereeing in this match.

Earlier Mr Asargiotis drew the red card out for Craig Bass, who according to the locals did nothing wrong.

Despite the grumbles Ku-ring-gai is not expected to lodge an official protest.

It was an even first half with both sides having some good chances. Arambasic hit the post in the 32nd, Camburn then Kevern missed for Ku-ring-gai then Andromidas missed for Canterbury in the 40th to have the two sides all square at the break.

Two minutes into the second half and Glen Jef-

fery made the break for the locals. He drew Hummell out of goal, rounded the keeper then hit the post with the left footer. A scramble developed inside the penalty area and Jeffery was able to pounce on the ball and score.

It was all Ku-ring-gai from here on. Bass faced Hummell but directed his shot straight at the keeper in the 49th, then Don Campbell headed over the bar in the 56th. Neale Williamson hit the woodwork in the 71st as Ku-ring-gai drove forward.

Then came the disputed equaliser.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Camburn, Campbell, Pepper, Berry, Quigley, Williamson, Jeffery (79th Ferguson), Bass (sent off 85th), Nile.

CANTERBURY: Hummell, Antoniadis, Vandarakis, Mickovski, Radman, George, Stamos (78th Politi), Kelogeras, Borges, Andromidas, Arambasic.

**MANLY WARR. 1
W'GONG MACE. 0**

It took Manly Warringah 19 minutes to break the visitor's stubborn defence at Cromer Park last Sunday.

A well timed bustling run by Ashley Williamson ended with a cracking shot which whistled past the outstretched hands of Bezimovski.

Manly pushed forward in search of that goal then suddenly decided to take things easy and relied on a counter attacking game using through balls, something Wollongong Macedonia was going to cope with effortlessly.

The excessive heat didn't help either side and consequently the game never rose to great heights.

Manly came to life midway through the second period with Etherington and Juergens supplying through balls for Cimarosti and Stuart. The Wollongong keeper was kept busy but he did his work well making some excellent saves.

Manly had the best chance of the match in the 83rd when Stuart failed to convert a penalty. Alf Stamp, the Manly coach was quick to remark that Stuart's punishment for missing this penalty will be to take the next one that comes Manly way!

MANLY: Tingle, Dennis, Mangham, Pearce, Williamson, Etherington, Juergens, Robins, Stuart, Cimarosti, Loghran.

WOLLONGONG: unavailable

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URUGUAY 0 ROCKDALE 3

Despite having most of the play Uruguayan Penrith suffered an unexpected defeat at the hands of depleted but determined Rockdale Ilinden.

Uruguay had the better of play during the first period and managed to find the net through David Batten after some good work by Ian Hunter.

But, the goal was disallowed after a report by the linesman indicating that Hunter used his hand in controlling the ball.

Uruguay adopted a more positive approach during the second period and came all out looking for goals.

It left the side a little on the thin side at the back and Alex Bottalico was able to penetrate on the counter only to be brought down by O'Donnell. Vasko Mitrovski scored from the penalty spot to give Rockdale the lead.

Another counter by Rockdale through Vince Nastoski saw Bottalico finish it off with a neat header, 2-0.

With Uruguay now committed to attack it was the counter-attacking game that paid off once again for the visitors as Bottalico broke through only to be brought down by the keeper in the 80th. Mitrovski was the scorer from the penalty spot for an easy 3-0 win.

URUGUAYAN PENRITH: Hoare, Bourke, Woods, O'Donnell, Tomalsch, Thompson, Genc, Gonzales, Batten (65th Bradley), Hunter, McKie.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Barker, Mitrovski, Pilovski, Boogaard, Rodas (20th Wilson G), Darlington, D. Wilson, Nastoski, Ristevski (80th Spirovski), Bedoni, Bottalico.

WOLLONGONG C. 2 CANBERRA 1

Wollongong City returned to the winning circle after an emphatic 2-1 win over Canberra Griffin at the Wollongong Showground last Saturday night.

The home side was in full swing early, attacking with venom to subdue this very strong side from Canberra.

After a skirmish in the 15th minute Wollongong was awarded a penalty and Gaiccomo Morlando scored. The referee disallowed the goal after a couple of local players entered the area. Morlando missed with his second attempt — his first penalty miss in three years.

Ten minutes later Wollongong scored. Roberto

Giraldi challenged Economopoulos and the Canberra keeper dropped the ball. Giraldi pounced to score.

On the stroke of the half hour the locals went further ahead when a diagonal crossfield pass from Rade Stevanovski found Brian Cokely who made no mistake from close range.

Almost from the restart the locals had an ideal opportunity to wrap this game up when Pat Brodnik faced the keeper but he missed, continuing a tale of sad woes for the youngster in 1987.

Canberra threw players forward in a desperate attempt to score but the home side defended well.

Then came an unusual mistake by Warwick Young in the 70th minute which brought the visitors back into the match. His clearing kick landed at the feet of Peter Mazis who lobbed the keeper to make it 2-1.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Morlando, Dickson, Hollifield, Stevanovski, Hristovski, Alinsworth, Cokely, Giraldi, Brodnik.

CANBERRA GRIFFIN: Economopoulos, Bryant, Dunn, Juna, Mazis, Palacios, P. Reis, Sernani, A. Reis, Gonzales.



STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	6	4	1	1	13	49	
Manly Warringah	6	4	0	2	6	2	8
Canberra City	6	3	2	1	9	6	8
Rockdale Ilinden	6	3	1	2	8	6	7
Wollongong City	6	3	1	2	11	12	7
Melita Eagles	6	2	2	2	11	9	6
Ku-Ring-Gai	6	2	2	2	7	6	6
Sutherland	6	1	4	1	4	4	6
Newcastle	6	3	0	3	8	11	6
Uruguayan Penrith	6	2	1	3	13	11	5
C'burry M'ville Oly	6	1	3	2	8	10	5
Wollongong Mace	6	1	2	3	7	9	4
Warringah F/Water	6	2	0	4	6	10	4
Inter Monaro	6	1	1	4	10	19	3

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguayan Penrith	6	6	0	0	9	3	12
Blacktown City	6	5	1	0	19	5	11
Warringah F/Water	6	4	1	1	17	9	9
Melita Eagles	6	4	0	2	25	5	8
Ku-Ring-Gai	6	4	0	2	10	5	8
Wollongong Mac.	6	4	0	2	6	7	8
Sutherland	6	3	1	2	16	13	7
Manly Warringah	6	2	1	3	4	7	5
Wollongong City	6	2	0	4	7	13	4
Canberra Griffin	6	2	0	4	10	20	4
Rockdale Ilinden	6	1	0	5	7	11	2
C'burry M'ville Oly	6	1	0	5	5	15	2
Newcastle R'buds	6	1	0	5	5	17	2
Inter Monaro	6	0	1	5	4	20	1

POLONIA GO TO TOP AS MACCABI CRASH

BY MIKE MIKOLAJCZYK

The top of the State League second division table clash produced an astonishing result when Fairy Meadow beat previous leaders Sydney Maccabi 6-0.

Fairy Meadow's Barney King demolished the home side with five goals — what an Easter present!

The game was all over by half-time as the visitors built up a commanding 4-0 lead. A Dominic Carios goal completed the scoring.

Johnny Danzo and player-coach Larry Gaffney were instrumental in laying the foundations for the fine win and one shudders to think what the score would have been had Maccabi keeper P. Filler not been in form.

Polonia went to the top of the table when they beat Campbelltown City 3-2 — thanks to two own goals by City.

As a spectacle the match was first class entertainment as play switched from end to end.

Although coach Stan Wozniczka has Polonia firing well, City felt they had the measure of the Plumpton outfit and a 2-2 draw would have been a fair result.

A large crowd of travelling Yugal supporters yelled themselves hoarse as the 'Blues' charged from behind to snatch two points in their 5-4 win over Dee Why Swans.

The Swans went ahead after 10 minutes but were pegged back to 2-2 at the break.

Mike Stead's half-time roasting spurred Dee Why, who raced to a 4-2 lead. Then came the dramatic collapse!

A defensive error, a disputed penalty and a goal close to time plunged the Swans down the competition table.

DEMONS TAKE LEAD

Blacktown City Demons returned to the top of the table after an effortless 4-0 drubbing of Inter Monaro at Queanbeyan last Saturday. The Demons were helped by Wollongong City Wolves with their 2-1 win over Canberra City at the Showground.

And while the Demons are in charge at the top it is imperative to notice the success of Manly Warringah, the side most predicted would finish well down the ladder. Manly is well on the way to yet again being in the top four at the end of the season.

Melita Eagles crushed Newcastle and with further additions to the squad look the likely menace to the leading quartet.

League after six rounds. This is the list of State's sharp shooters:

5. Reis(CG)
4. Van Blerk(BC), Cimarosti(MW)
3. Giampaolo(IM), Penfold(NR), Batten(UP), Morlando, Easthorpe(WC)



DEMONS TO TOPPLE THE SEA EAGLES

Blacktown City Demons are set to end Manly's dream run in the State Bank Soccer League next Sunday. The fire power and the speed of the Demons will be essential to the outcome of this match.

Canterbury Marickville welcomes Inter Monaro hoping to register its second win this season, but it is not going to be easy going, particularly since Giampaolo is expected to return.

Canberra City will find Ku-ring-gai a tough nut to crack. Ku-ring-gai is very strong at the back and could surprise through its enterprising attack of Bass and Jeffery.

Freshwater will be in for a tough time at Graham's Reserve but I feel that at least one point is not beyond the home side.

Rosebuds will have

more than a handful to cope with when they tackle Sutherland at Adamstown next Saturday and I tip the Sharks to surprise. Rosebuds are yet to win at home and yet again will struggle for points.

Wollongong Macedonia will not have much joy when it faces Uruguayan Penrith at home. It will be the superior

front line of Uruguay that will decide the issue.

Rockdale Ilinden will have Vladimir Torteovski back on the park for this crucial match against Melita Eagles but I think that his presence will not be sufficient to cause Melita any problems. The Eagles are back in stride and look to have their momentum back in line.



State Bank SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEKS MATCHES

SATURDAY 25th APRIL STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE
Newcastle Vs Sutherland Adamstown Oval

2ND DIVISION

Nth Syd Artamon Vs Campbelltown City Artamon Res
Sydney Maccabi Vs Bathurst 75 Wentworth Pk
Nth Bankstown Vs Kingsford Potts Park

3RD DIVISION

Mt Druitt Town Vs Uni of NSW Popondetta Park

SUNDAY 26th APRIL

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Canberra City Vs Ku-ring-gai Bruce Stadium
Cant M'ville Oly Vs Inter Monaro Arlington Oval
Blacktown City Vs Manly Warringah Gabbie Stadium
Wollongong Mac Vs Uruguayan Penrith Berkeley S/G
Rockdale Ilinden Vs Melita Eagles Seymour Shaw
Warringah F/Water Vs Wollongong City Graham Res

2ND DIVISION

Polonia Vs Queens Park Chopin Park
Fairy Meadow Vs Dee Why Swans Woli Police Boys Ov
SSC Yugal Vs Blacktown United Mona Park
Gladesville Hby Vs Avala Pioneer Park

3RD DIVISION

Moorebank Vs King Tomislav Hammondville Pk
Campbelltown Vs Nth Ryde Bensley Rd SG
West United Vs Baukham Hills Harold Read Res
Port Hacking Vs Concordia Seymour Shaw
Rooty Hill Vs Bondi Marine Cawarra Pk
Granville Chile Vs Canterbury Garside Pk

State Bank



The Victorian Newsreel

NEWCOMER GARY COLE LENDS A HAND FOR CROYDON

GARY COLE, signed for \$3000 from Preston Makedonia during the week, had a hand in their 2-2 draw with Western Suburbs.



BY JOHN MANGAN

While Croydon could be involved in further big name deals shortly, Suburbs' coach Jim Condilis is strengthening his team with the signing of English striker Sammy Pierce.

Pierce is currently with Welsh club Newport and two years ago was playing in the English Second division with Grimsby.

His is expected to arrive in Australia in the next fortnight.

Croydon was interested in Preston Makedonia's Graham Heys but he signed for Melbourne Croatia on the weekend.

Cole figured in Croydon's first goal in the 26th minute when he knocked a ball on to Graham French, who flicked it to Alex Livingston who scored.

Smallman put Suburbs back on level terms on the stroke of half time with a penalty after Darren Tuck had been brought down in the area.

Big Greg Brack leapt high in the 55th minute to head home a corner and restore Croydon's lead but the home side got back on level terms 13th minutes from time when Steve Dimovski scored from a move involving Smallman, Tuck, MacLeod and Minh Tri Vo.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitsis, MacLeod, Stefanidis (74th Kountouris), Kyriazis (54th Kagioglou), Dimovski, Palmaricotti, Hamill, Farmer, Minh, Smallman, Tuck.

CROYDON: Waterman, Brown, O'Reilly, Marshall, Beach, Luxford, Brack, Cole, Livingston, French, Nelson.

Victorian State League

ROUND EIGHT SATURDAY APRIL 25th

St Albans v AIS, Oakleigh v Maribyrnong, Northcote City v Morwell Falcons.

SUNDAY APRIL 26th

Springvale City v Thomastown, Green Gully v Frankston Pines, Fawkner v Caulfield City, Broadmeadows v Western Suburbs, Croydon City v Box Hill.

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POLONIA v NORTHCOTE

POLONIA continued on its winning way with another convincing victory — this time against luckless Northcote.

Whilst Frank Munro has a difficult task ahead of him trying to salvage something of this season for Northcote, Polonia coach Miron Bleiberg has certainly found a successful formula.

"I am happy with three things," said Bleiberg after the game.

"We're ten points from the relegation zone, we have more points now after seven rounds than we had last year after 17, and thirdly we are scoring plenty of goals."

Polonia took the lead in the 12th minute when Jan Wycislic blasted in a volley on the edge of the area.

Bleiberg's men went further ahead in 32nd minute when Alex Marshall dispossessed Bozikis and in a one on one situation slipped the ball past the Northcote keeper.

The final blow was struck by substitute Greg Warszawski who added to his tally this season when he got on to the end of a move involving Gerry Bennett, Rab Nelson and Peter Czapnik to score from ten metres.

Northcote expected to be strengthened in the next few weeks by the arrival of Uruguayan import Vega, the return of Garry Culter, and is looking to sign a new striker and defender shortly.

POLONIA: Kiss, Lakic, Bennett, Kotzamichalis, Smolarek, Czapnik, Flavel, Nelson, (80m Greguszuk) Wycislic, Storm, Marshall (60th Warszawski).

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos, Constantinou, Bozikis, Patinotis, Stiliadis, Leonardos, Drakeford, Ramos, Giannopoulos, Toal, Beklaris (70th Espanon.).

MORWELL v SPRINGVALE

Springvale travelled to Morwell looking for a draw but coach Bobby McLachlan's plans looked ruined when defender Steve Bissinger was sent off in the 63rd minute.

Bissinger had been cautioned in the first half by referee Bernie Upjohn and was shown the red card after a clumsy tackle.

"That was a terrible decision," McLachlan said after the game. "Upjohn's performance today proved that vaudeville is nae dead."

With the Vale reduced to ten men Falcons poured on the pressure and were unlucky not to break the deadlock.

In the end though Fal-

cons had to be content with another draw.

"It's very frustrating," coach Dave O'Connor said after the game.

"We had all the play but just couldn't get the ball into the back of the net. The forwards weren't greedy enough and we were missing Iain Stirton."

In the dying minutes Falcons almost sealed the game, firstly when Gerry Clark lobbed a shot onto the roof of the net, and then only moments later when Effie Cassar headed a Stan Webster cross wide.

MORWELL: Eacott, Bingham, Bruns, Clark, Cottis, D.Cassar, O'Callaghan, Sostak, A. van Baar (M.Cassar 75), Webster (A.Cassar).

SPRINGVALE: Boland, Bannon, Bislinger (sent off 63), Williams, Hobson, Stuart (Garvey 60), Bell, Swinscoe, House, Loughnane, Vasic.

FRANKSTON PINES v FAWKNER

Pines will be without Paul Hennessey in next week's game against Green Gully following their 4-2 defeat at home to Fawkner.

Fawkner however will line up next week with former Heidelberg ace Doug Brown - snapped up on the weekend for \$8000.

Hennessey fell awkwardly on the half hour and was taken to hospital with a suspected broken arm.

Meanwhile Pines striker Richie Armstrong received a red card when he tangled with Jed Stenson who was also sent off.

Fawkner went ahead in the 20th minute when a rebound from a Stenson free-kick fell to Chiavelli, who shot home.

Watson replied for Pines in the 28th minute from a Billy Buchanan pass. But only six minutes later Fawkner regained the lead when Verecchia headed in a ball deflected by Ferra from a Joe Palinkas free kick.

Ian Tuffield scored 20 minutes into the second half from a Stenson pass to give Frank McAleer's side a 3-1 lead.

Mate Bozic scored the goal of the game in the 68th minute when he blasted in a shot from 25 metres out.

Tuffield had the final word though, heading in a Palinkas cross in the last minute of the game.

FRANKSTON: Radic, Thurlow, Bozic, Park, Watson, Hennessey (Rust 30, Bentley 60), Buchanan, Ferris, Miller, Armstrong, Roberts.

FAWKNER: Wilson, Schipano, Walsh, Sattore, Ferra, Chiavelli, Stenson, Palinkas, Verecchia, Tuffield, Cozzella (Di Cecco).



GARY COLE on the move.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE v BROADMEADOWS

Broadmeadows showed that they are better than their lowly league placing suggests by giving the Institute its toughest game yet in Canberra this season.

While Broadmeadows let the Institute command the midfield, the compact defence marshalled by Peter Donaldson and Peter Higham repelled every attack until the 67th minute.

The Institute finally broke through when John Koch found room on the left and knocked in a first time cross to Paul Foster, who from 10 metres made no mistake with his header.

Foster was in great touch, as was his adversary, Broadmeadows keeper Dennis Pace, who made a string of fine saves.

With a one goal lead Ron Smith's team pushed for its now customary late goal - and got it with two minutes remaining.

A Pace kick-out fell to Dave Clarkson, who volleyed it back upfield.

Foster won the race for the ball and coolly pushed it past the onrushing Pace to cement the AIS victory. AIS: Gunning, Healy, Cummings, Riddell, Koch, Gibson, Clarkson, Polak, Nicolaou, P.Foster, Edwards.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Smart, Ciantar, Donaldson, Higham, Farrelly (D. Blair 80m), Mezzatesta, Vizzini, Nolan, J.Kadlecik (J.Clinton 70), P.Kadlecik.

CAULFIELD v ST ALBANS

Caulfield took the lead after only four minutes in the top of the table clash with St Albans on Saturday.

Silgrissen connected with an Angie Filipou cross to give Takis Svingos' team the start it wanted.

Caulfield dominated for the first 20 minutes, and could have scored again when Louis Theodosopoulos found himself with time to shoot on goal.

The rhythm of the game was disturbed when linesman Tony Pelosi had a can thrown him after waving his flag for an offside against Dinamo.

Spectators came on to the pitch and the referee was spat on as he tried to clear the playing area.

The police arrived at halftime and the "aggro" moved from the spectators to the players.

Four players were sent off in the second half - three St Albans and one Caulfield - as Tony Vrzina's team played it rough.

Despite the fact that Dinamo was without Mick Colina, Ivan Duzel and Mark Wilson by the 70th minute, whilst Caulfield was merely lacking

Andy Theoharous, Svingos' team was visibly shaken and lost grip of the match.

Branko Culina scored St Albans' equaliser in the 79th minute, scrambling in the ball at the far post.

CAULFIELD: Madjer, Filipou, Koutos, Harris, Michell, Abraam, Theoharous (sent off 69), Hamakiotis, Sahinidis (Bitsonis 46), Theodosopoulos (Xynas 66), Griffin.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Kuzman, Krajacic, Ramljak, Colina (sent off 48), Duzel (sent off 52), Batinovic, Culina, Wilson (sent off 69), Runje (Rastovic 67), Morovic.

THOMASTOWN v GREEN GULLY

Thomastown gave Green Gully a run for its money in Saturday's game but a Joe Sweeney goal settled the match for the Gully men.

The deciding goal came on the hour when Tommy Cummings on the right knocked in a ball to Danny Zemunik, who beat goalkeeper Mauro Raponi and sent it to

ONCE IS ENOUGH CONSERVATIVELY SPEAKING . . .

OVER the past few years I believe Victoria has become the leading Soccer state.

Quite a strong statement, bound to make others either roll over in laughter or send me hate mail.

This statement may be true if we only took into consideration the

DON CAMPBELL WITH KU-RING-GAI

KU-RING-GAI's latest signing is a familiar name to followers of both National League and State League Soccer.

Many may not be aware that Don Campbell was a Ku-ring-gai representative player in his early Soccer life.

K.D.S.A.'s northern-most club, Brooklyn United, provided the early grounding for young Donald, whose father Robert was a member of one of the first Ku-ring-gai United sides in the mid-sixties.

Dad was a goalkeeper and played with Penrith United, Auburn and Granville in addition to seeing service with Ku-ring-gai.

Don, because of his height, was picked out to be a defender.

After beginning as a Under-7 with Brooklyn and representing the District Under-8's, when the Campbell clan moved to South Penrith the flame-haired youngster soon established himself with both the Penrith RSL and

amount of NSL championships won by teams in the Southern state.

BY PHIL DIAMATARIS

The past three championships have in fact been won in close contests with NSW teams who once had a stranglehold at the top level.

I guess my reason for making this point and this controversial piece is to create some attention for the Victorian Soccer Federation.

You see the VSF's reputation has also been lifted with the achievements. Why not? After all that's who guide the system.

Aha! the system. The Victorian Soccer Federation is entering a new era. Low and behold we are in the eighties and we have a new vital cog as president — JACK REILLY.

I have no doubts Reilly will do an exceptional job. Not many others would be able to lead the VSF into the fast world of business, not to mention the technical times. George Wallace, another tireless worker, has been there and done that far more than once. Yet his expertise is undoubtedly untouchable.

the Nepean rep. sides.

At age 16 and already a member of the State Under-16 squad. Penrith United called him up for duty and soon after Blacktown City, in the first NSL season did likewise.

A spell at Melita followed in 1981 before a return to Penrith United in 1982, and 1983 co-incided with Under-16 and Under-18 honours for the State.

In 1984, when Penrith City joined the NSL, Campbell was a founder member of the team.

Maybe that's why rumours recently broke out that he was heading north to share his insights.

Anyway our state is Victoria, and unfortunately it is Victorian in many ways and cases of thinking. Change is very slow and conservatism reigns, a trait the VSF continues to uphold.

As mentioned with everything in today's world being so fast, everything must change accordingly or be left behind.

I would like to see Victoria possibly upholding its standard with the assistance of the mentioned people, who are capable of guiding our Soccer with the future in mind.

But there are probably a few areas that rules and regulations need to be upgraded not to mention the trusty old constitution.

One rule which is coming to the fore more often nowadays - due to clubs and players being so hard pressed for team success as well as individual success - is the rule involving transfers.

Other federations don't place restrictions

With big Dave McIntosh in the side coach Willie Wallace brought him into the midfield.

The following year he returned to centre-back and stayed there throughout Penrith's final year in State League, when he won Player-of-the-Year.

A fitter and machinest by trade, Don gives a lot of credit for his polish to Denis Adrigan.

Away from work and Soccer, the tall defender enjoys tinkering with sports and vintage cars, building them up from scratch and parting with them reluctantly.

on the number of times a player can change clubs during the season. This includes the NSL and NSW Federation. Down in our part of the world a player can only transfer once — that's it. Tough if you fall out with a club, tough if you don't make the grade and tough if you're not enjoying the game and unhappy. Who cares?

All a player wants to do is continue to play the game he loves, enjoy the game he has played for so many years and to play where he wants, of course always respecting the rules and regulations.

It is a rule such as this that leaves the Federation with egg on its face. One main reason for not altering it is because of the extra administration required to handle the possible influx of transfers.

There are two cases which come to mind which involve players wanting to change teams but can't because they have transferred once already in the current season.

Now that all the pre-season work has been done and the season has just begun there seems to be no future at their new clubs.

Players in such a position should be allowed to move on to another team as they so desire without



Melbourne victory.

OAKLEIGH CONTINUES THEIR REBUILDING

PAUL Langsbury, the player who is involved in the visa controversy at Heidelberg United, has finally signed with progressive State League club Oakleigh.

After spending over \$16,000 last week, Oakleigh this week picked up the talented and experienced Langsbury on a free transfer! What a bonus for the team looking to consolidate its position in the Victorian State League.

Langsbury will no doubt add strength to an area where Oakleigh has been found sadly wanting on some occasions this season.

Chris Kalafatis, the coach of Oakleigh, is very happy to have Paul Langsbury on board along with Ally Dick and Chris Andriotis, the other recent signings.

Kalafatis did say: "This spending spree to build the squad should have happened earlier during pre-season, as the team by now would have been firing, and not struggling to get its act together."

But the future does look rosy though, and after a couple of games in which the side will settle, Oakleigh could be challenging for a top four position.

On top of this Kalafatis is back in training and has played a couple of matches in order to give the side its much needed stability.

It should be noted that he is slowly getting match fit again after being out of the game for two years and is shaping up as a strong contributor.

An added bonus is that he is only 29 years old and has a few more good playing years left. With the experience gained playing for South Melbourne since the age of 17 and an appearance for Australia against Greece, he no doubt has a lot to offer Oakleigh.

His record as a coach is also just as outstanding. The side clearly won the first division championship in 1986 to enter the State League Premier division this year, and have only lost four games out of 36 outings, undefeated in 25 of those straight.

His reasons for the team's poor start is that the players who served the club so well during the development period may need time to improve and become accustomed to the higher levels of fitness and skill and work in unison that are needed in the State League.

With the new signings the side will develop at a better rate individually and as a team.

—PHIL DIAMATARIS

MUNRO TAKES OVER AT NORTHCOTE

BY PHIL DIAMATARIS

FRANK MUNRO, the ex-South Melbourne Hellas star, is back at Northcote City, the club he had previously coached.

He has the precarious job of coaching the side out of the doldrums. Munro has exceptional experience as a coach.

Not only has he knowledge of the local game, but he also possesses the things he picked up as a player at Wolverhampton Wanderers in England when the side enjoyed considerable success.

Northcote has a skillful squad and will retain the services of ex-coach Juan Torro as a player to add experience and stability. Munro no doubt will add the extra bite that the team hasn't had in the losses so far this season.



JACK REILLY — high flyer.

POLONIA	7	5	2	0	16	6	12
CAULFIELD	7	5	1	1	8	3	11
GREEN GULLY	7	4	3	0	10	6	11
ST ALBANS	7	4	2	1	14	8	10
FAWLKNER	7	3	3	1	10	6	9
WESTERN SUBS	7	3	2	2	12	8	8
CROYDON	7	2	3	2	6	6	7
MORWELL	6	1	4	1	5	5	6
SPRINGVALE	6	1	3	2	6	7	5
THOMASTOWN	6	2	1	3	3	6	5
FRANKSTON	7	2	1	4	12	16	5
BOX HILL	7	0	4	3	5	8	4
OAKLEIGH	6	1	2	3	7	12	4
BROADMEADOWS	6	1	0	5	6	11	2
NORTHCOTE	6	0	1	5	2	13	1
AIS (not comp.)	7	6	1	0	15	2	13
SUNBURY UTD	4	0	0	0	12	3	8
BULLEEN	4	3	0	1	9	2	6
ALBION	4	3	0	1	8	3	6
ESSENDON	4	2	2	0	10	6	6
RINGWOOD	4	3	0	1	4	3	6
ALTONA GATE	4	2	0	2	8	5	4
RICHMOND	4	1	2	1	16	5	4
WERRIBEE	4	1	2	1	2	2	4
NTH DANDENONG	4	1	1	2	2	2	3
KNOX CITY	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
S.M.MORDIALLOC	4	1	1	2	5	9	3
DONCASTER	4	1	0	3	3	11	2
NUNAWADING	4	0	1	3	3	7	1
MELBOURNE	4	0	0	4	0	13	0



Box Hill's Dean Hennessy (right) and GREEN GULLY'S Steve McLelland.

Sweeney waiting at the far post.

Raponi however had distinguished himself early in the game, brilliantly foiling Cummings in a one on one situation.

Though Gully held the upper hand, Mike Lynn's team could have scored in the first minute when a Bobby McGuinness cross had the Gully defence in all sorts of trouble.

Gus MacLeod's injury list increased when Steve Douglas was taken off in the 10th minute with a twisted ankle.

However Scot Joe O'Donnell did well in only his second game back from injury and Fab Barchello is back in training for Gully after an injury last season.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi, Constantinou, Higgins, De Martino, McMillan, Arcoraci, Coyle, Jankulovski, Carfora, Kerr, McGuinness.
GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben, Cannell, Carter, Douglas (Guigley 10), Cummings, O'Donnell, McLelland, Grimaud, Zemunik, Sweeney.

BRANKO MILOSEVIC COMPLEMENTS MELBURNE CROATIA'S IMPORTS

MELBOURNE Croatia is expecting the arrival of its third import, Yugoslav Branko Milosevic, "at any time".



GRAHAM HEYS...
remains at Preston?

Milosevic, an attacking midfielder from Yugoslav first division

club Osijek, comes highly recommended by Croatia's European scouts.

Willie Herd, the Scottish midfielder from Patrick Thistle, has joined his new club in training and was considered for selection in Melbourne Croatia's team to play Adelaide City in Melbourne yesterday (Easter Monday).

Ian Wallace makes up the talented trio of visa players new to Melbourne Croatia this season.

Heys Stays?

Preston Makedonia rejected Melbourne Croatia's final \$6,000 bid for out-of-favour utility man Graham Heys last week and Heys might start back in training with the Makedonia club.

Heys was axed from the Preston squad on the eve of the new season and was subsequently transferred listed at \$7,500 by that club.

He dropped a public bucket on the club in the press shortly afterwards, and seemed likely to transfer to Croatia until Preston refused to drop its price for former Newcastle player.

Melbourne Croatia started bidding at \$3,000 and upped its offer twice but refused to meet Makedonia's asking price.

Preston has told Heys he is welcome to resume training with the youth team only.



Angie Postecoglou (South Melbourne) comes to grips with Andrew Zinni

Aris Angles Angie

Angie Postecoglou, the South Melbourne Hellas and Socceroo defender, has said he would be "definitely interested" in playing with Greek club Aris.

Postecoglou was responding to Melbourne press reports linking him with the Greek outfit.

Postecoglou said he had not had any direct contact with Aris but "if there was a concrete offer I would definitely be interested although everything being said at the moment is largely heresy."

Crowds Down

Crowds in Melbourne are well down,

especially those of Italian giant Brunswick Juventus.

Many are blaming the tedious brand of football the Juventus boys have churned out in recent games.

Biskic's Brother

Melbourne Croatia might have another star on its hands if classy first team winger Josip Biskic's judgement is correct.

But Biskic might be a little biased — the player is his brother Ivan whom Josip rates as a better player than himself.

Ivan has come to Australia as a migrant sponsored by his brother and he recently started training with the club.



Brunswick Juventus

ROBERT CULLEN



BY GREG BLAKE

NAME: ROBERT O'DONNELL CULLEN
BIRTHPLACE and DATE: Falkirk, Scotland 8/7/57
HEIGHT and WEIGHT: 5ft 7 in., 10 st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Alison
HOME: West Melton
CAR: ET Turbo
NICKNAME: Wee man
PREVIOUS CLUBS: George Cross and Preston Makedonia
OCCUPATION: Plumber
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Charlie Nicholas
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: None
FAVOURITE GROUND: Olympic Park
HOLIDAY RESORT: I rarely take holidays

MUSIC: Bruce Springsteen
POSITION: Right midfielder
ACTOR/ESS: Bob Hoskins and Dustin Hoffman/Meryl Streep
MOVIE: One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest
TV SHOW: Minder, Rising Damp and To The Manor Born
DISH: Italian food
DRINK: Water
DISLIKES: Being depressed
INTERNATIONAL GAMES: Nil
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Seeing Celtic beat Inter Milan in the 1967 European Cup Final
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Just being let down by people
WORST INJURY: None
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Andrew Zinni, Tony Grbac and Peter Lewis
HARDEST OPPONENT: Bobby Russell
FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER: Jimmy Johnstone and Charlie Nicholas
BOOT TYPE: Adidas
BEST WORLD XI: Simpson, Craig, Gemmell, Murdoch, McNeill, Clarke, Johnstone, Chalmers, Wallace, Auld and Lennox (Celtic 1967)
AMBITIONS FOR '87: To win the National League
LONG-TERM AMBITIONS: To be happy

SAINTS DESPERATE FOR POINTS

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST, languishing near the bottom of the League ladder, will be flat out to gather both points against the visiting Victorian side Sunshine-George Cross this Friday night.

The match kicks off at 7.15pm with the Youth League starting at 5.30pm.

Better Lights

St George, who gained permission from the NSL to play its first four home matches on a Friday night as an experimental move, could in fact continue with this home-match programme of night Soccer.

So much so that the Saints within the next three weeks will greatly upgrade their floodlighting system at the St George Stadium, easily Sydney's best Soccer arena.

Yesterday, against Sydney Olympic, the Saints did not look as impressive as they did last week in Round 1 of the "Beach Fashions Cup" when they defeated



STEVE O'CONNOR

Olympic on penalties 5-3.

Saints' skipper, Andy Koczka and Peter Petkovski, are both still in doubt for Friday night.

New-look O'Connor

Giant centre-back, Steve O'Connor, unaccustomed to playing with a not so strong or experienced side, has relished his new challenge since joining St George from defunct Sydney City.

There is a new-look about 'Rocky' this season. In fact, O'Connor, looking much trimmer, fitter and enthusiastic than over the last five years, is holding St George together.

The former international central defender is injecting power, resilience and leadership into the very young St George side.

Almost the entire brunt of the attack duties, has been bestowed on the Kiwi international striker, Kevin Hagan.

Hagan is almost unbeatable in the air and has the ability to hold the ball inside the box.

TWIN-STRIKE POWER

Sunshine George Cross, coached by the inspirational John Gardiner, in their last expedition to Sydney, frightened the daylights out of League leaders Sydney Croatia.

A powerful display in the second session shook the Northern champions in their boots.

Despite Croatia winning the match 3-1, twin-strikers and Youth internationals Paul Trimboli and John Markovski repeatedly ripped Croatia apart.

Markovski and Trimboli could repeat this dose as these youngsters, have built up a wonderful understanding between themselves, and could prove a headache for the Saints.

JOHN ECONOMOS

DE COSTI BROS SPONSOR OLYMPIC

SYDNEY OLYMPIC will again be sponsored by De Costi Bros Seafoods. The announcement came at last week's special Press Conference dinner.

Mr Ken Kotsapas, De Costi's financial controller, told ASW:

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

"The sponsorship deal is worth \$40,000 including various benefits for the club.

"Our firm sponsored Olympic last year as well. We were happy with our involvement and decided to back up again this season."

Olympic-Airways also was announced as an associated sponsor for Sydney Olympic.

But the big news given to the press by Olympic's president, Mr Tom Doumanis, was a parcel of land by the Municipality of Canterbury.

Doumanis told the press that the land grant of some five acres situated in Bonds Road, Punchbowl, was to be developed by the club into a first-class home ground with a social-club facilities added later.



● Paul Trimboli



● John Markovski



CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club

BRISBANE Lions intends to fight the likely ASF ruling that Sydney City is one of the relegated NSL clubs. The former Queensland national leaguers believe the ruling is incorrect and could contest the point legally. As 15th on the selection criteria for the 14-team NSL, Lions claim they have "a legal and moral right" to be the Slickers automatic replacement.

"A relegated club is one which plays all its fixtures and finishes at the bottom of the table. That's not Sydney City and we believe it is wrong that they be classed as such," said Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk, a leading and prominent Queensland solicitor.

Oudendyk has sought legal advice on the matter from the highest sources, but at the moment has stopped short of saying whether his club will use the courts.

"We are still awaiting replies to two letters that we sent to the ASF on the Sydney City issue. Once we get certain things in writing, we will consider our position," he said.

"We have to be wary of straight out legal action because it could turn sympathies against us. At the moment we believe we are right in every aspect and we don't want to tarnish that in any way."

INTER Monaro are saving a pile of money by switching their NSW State Bank League home games from the giant but expensive Seiffert Oval to the Marco Polo Ground, but they will probably have to lay in an extra store of match balls.

In home games so far several balls have been booted over the perimeter fence and into the Queanbeyan Creek — at one stage against Manly Warringah three balls were missing at the same time and the game came to a temporary halt.

NSW NORTH COAST FLASHBACK

THERE is a natural tendency, when casting the mind back to other years, to look at matters in the terms of the city and leading Australian International and club figures.

But today the bush and the inland and costal cities are starting to produce more high quality players to the great advantage of the sport.

This week we take time to dwell on the City of Lismore, which pioneered Soccer on the NSW North Coast.

The sport began in the depression days of 1930 with six participating teams — Lismore City, Lismore, Federal, Myocum, Dyraaba and Bangalow.

Pictured below is the Lismore City Soccer Football Club squad of 1933 — just 54 years ago.

In the second photograph is seen the squad who were well beaten by Dundee United on their 1972 visit.

Allan Hampton, now president of the Northern NSW Women's Soccer Federation, is in the middle row.



LISMORE CITY SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB 1933

Contact: R. A. (Bob) Robertson, Mill Street, The Channon, 88 6289, surviving member.

Back row: G. Wightman, A. Hunter, J. Robertson, W. Fulcher, G. Cusack, J. Webb, R. Hatt.

Middle row: D. Carswell, D. Hincks, R. Robertson, F. McFarlane.

Front row: J. B. Robertson, G. Wightman, R. Brodie, A. Wilson, S. Thomas, R. Hatt Jnr., J. Webb Jnr. President, J. Webb, G. Cusack, Trainer; R. Hatt and A. Hunter, Referees; G. Wightman, Snr. Committee.



NORTHERN RIVERS V DUNDEE UNITED

Back (left to right): Terry Woods, Max Thompson, Philip Bawden, Gordon Bryant, John Percival.

Centre: Armin Sandmann (Manager/Coach), John Orchard, Robby Donaldson, Divinder Singh, Allan Hampton, Dick Morrissey, Keith Gray (Strapper).

Front: Wayne Powell, Dick Latta, Trevor Rainbow, Gary Clark, Peter Nott.

ITS now getting harder for Adelaide Hellas to get back into the national scene.

With its first defeat of the season from Beograd and district side Salisbury marching on relentlessly, every game is like a Cup final for the former National League champions.

If they can get back on the winning trail the first show-down could come on May 9 when Hellas has to visit Salisbury.

FORMER North Queensland player of the year, Mick Kelly, trained with Sydney Croatia last week after being recommended to the National League outfit by Brisbane Second Division club Croatia. But it was a strange recommendation as Kelly, a speedy striker, was at the time playing on loan from his Townsville club Brothers with XXXX League side Ipswich United.

BRISBANE XXXX League clubs are facing obstacle after obstacle in their bid to get talented Fijians Ivor Evans and Cheetha Vosuga back to Australia. Both players toured Queensland last month and are among the most skilful in their national side. But the pending disciplinary hearings arising from on-tour incidents along with a reluctance by Fijian clubs to release the players are thwarting speedy transfers.

AUSTRALIAN Institute of Sport striker John Gibson performed the role of super-sub to perfection in the game against Victorian State League side Oakleigh at Bruce Stadium recently.

After standing on the sidelines for almost four minutes waiting for a break in play he came on and 15 seconds later had put the ball in the net for the third goal in the Institute's 3-1 win.

Which prompted one joker in the 687-strong crowd to call out to coach Ron Smith: "You can take him off now."

MLC Insurance backs ACT Soccer



ACT MLC Insurance general manager Ian Thomas presents ACT Soccer Federation president Charles Perkins with a sponsorship cheque for \$1800 according to the long term association between the two organisations. The presentation took place last week at well known Canberra Soccer supporter Con Poulos' Brass Cage restaurant in the Belconnen Mall, Canberra. The cheque for \$1800 covers last year's sponsorship arrangement and this year is expected to be substantially larger.

COACHES John Fleming (Wollongong City) and Glenn Fontana (Gladesville) have gone into partnership with a racehorse.

Fleming and Fontana were together with the Wolves last season but Fontana has decided to brach out on his own, even though he still lives in Wollongong.

They have leased a three-year-old named Zip Ahoy and it made its debut in a race at Kembla Grange recently.

Unfortunately, it finished well back in the field.

To make matters worse for our two punters, Wollongong City went down 3-1 and Gladesville lost 1-0 the following day.

"I've had better weekends," was the only comment Fleming made.

It didn't end there for him because he is playing with district club Aris on Saturday afternoons. After watching Zip Ahoy's failure Aris finished "down the track" 3-1 to Fernhill at Towradgi Park.

NEWCASTLE defender MARK DRYSDALE faces being laid up for a while.

He was unlucky enough to break a leg in the recent match against Warringah Freshwater.

Club coach Peter Dewhurst has been handicapped recently by the considerable injury list.

PLANS are afoot for an autobiography to be written by Marconi's veteran sweeper TONY HENDERSON.

Says 'Hendo': "On our way back on the plane following the match against Adelaide City I was reminiscing and some of the memories were side-splitting!"

CHARLIE YANKOS has been appointed promotions manager for Westfield's Miranda complex.

The company has been good enough to give the strapping Socceroo skipper time off for international matches.

Says Charlie: "I am very grateful to the company and glad that I joined an Italian-backed club."

PAUL CARTER believes his ankle injury could keep him out of the Marconi team for a few weeks yet.



CHARLIE YANKOS

ITS started again. The rumors about Adelaide City and State League club Azzurri merging.

But, while talks were held, there is no sign the clubs are any closer to amalgamating.

THE return of GLENN JEFFERY from Avala has worked wonders for NSW State Bank League club Ku-ring-gai.

The team has sparked up with Jeffery linking up with Criag Bass and Mark Nile, all of whom previously played together in the Gladesville district.

STEVE CALDERAN hopes that it will not be long before he is able to run after being out of the game with a broken leg.

The strong central defender says he has had good reports from his doctor and hopes that this will be the end of his injury problems.

OUR sympathy goes to former Sydney Olympic coach Doug Collins and his family.

His 14-year-old son was unfortunately killed in a motor accident whilst cycling to school and we understand that the funeral took place yesterday.

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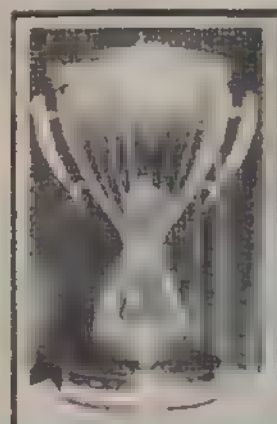
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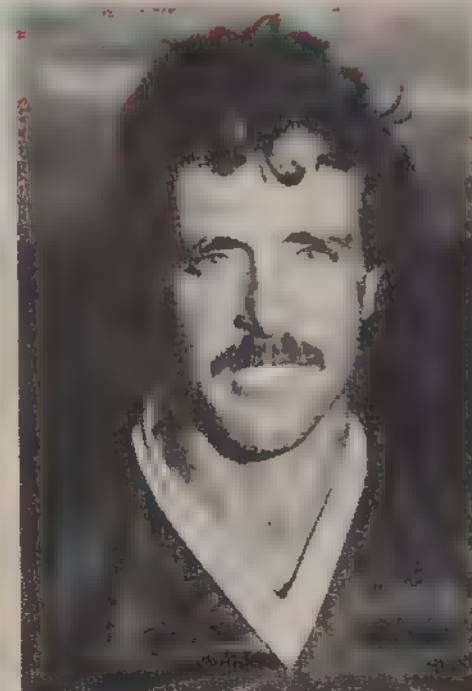
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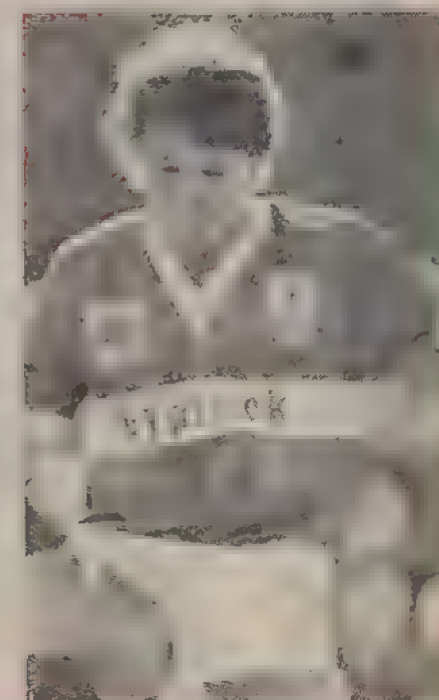
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STEVE O'CONNOR

THIS is the struggle which has already emerged in this year's National League.

Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Adelaide City and Footscray — these are the teams who will carry the banner for finesse.

Most of the others will use power-play although John Margaritis may change the Heidelberg game.

Brunswick, Juventus and Sydney Olympic (in the 'outside possibility' that Eddie Thompson takes over) will be to the forefront of those opting for power to win games.

I am a little sad that Frank Arok of St George has joined the power-play coaches.

Steeped in European Soccer culture as he is, he seems to have decided that the way to success with Australian players is with power.

In this he follows in the wake of Jack Gibson in League and Tom Hafey in Aussie Rules.

However, Soccer is not a totally physical contest as Rules and League incline to be. Skill still has a chance in Soccer.

Argentina proved that last year. So did Adelaide City.

Sydney Croatia and Marconi are trying to prove it this year.

Recently at St George Stadium I watched a typical English style team, Melbourne Croatia, power its way to a convincing 2-0 win over St George.

St George sought to play with power, but without the players to do it as convincingly as Croatia.

No Build Ups

Neither team built up in their own half.

Both teams played to the adage so effectively employed by Leeds United, in England under Don Revie . . . "keep the ball in their half and they can't score."

So, the goalkeepers were employed at every opportunity to belt the ball deep into opponents' territory where there was an Aussie rules type aerial battle for possession.

This concept of playing the game is now used by almost every team in England and most of Britain

and is also being used at times in Europe.

Set plays are very important to this stereotyped play.

Tall, physically strong players, using power and bravery can overcome more skilful opponents, with the use of planned free kicks, throws and corners.

This power-play Soccer can produce its own excitement - instant, crash type excitement which modern man seems to crave.

Certainly it is different to the patient build-ups in the back four, as employed by a team such as Adelaide City.

"Kick It"

In England the spectators would not allow such composed build ups Addcity use.

They want the ball forward into the goal area.

That is where the excitement is, that is where the goals are scored.

"Kick it . . . kick it . . ." is the cry we hear in kids Soccer in Australia, where mums and dads are mimicking the cries of British spectators at their professional games - "forward . . . get it forward . . . hurry . . . get it over!"

Melbourne Croatia has a well balanced side for its English style.

Tall, dominating defenders in Robbie Dunn and Dave McIntosh, a compact central midfield with playmaker MacLean most noticeable, plus two excellent wide midfield players in Scott and Biskic.

Up front Lewis and Wallace are mobile, with good close skills. There is no tall target man — a trait of many British teams.

Croatia left-back, Alan Davidson, stood out like a beacon at St George Stadium in the composure of his play amid the hurry and scurry of ground and aerial battles going on around him.

He was consistently able to keep possession

POWER VERSUS FINESSE



FRANK AROK (right) and EDDIE THOMSON (left) — two of the top-line coaches.

of the ball under the pressure used to unsettle him.

I wonder how his coach Terry Hennessey felt, as he watched Davidson standing in his defensive third of the field with his foot on the ball?

The British coach, steeped in a modern tradition of, "percentage play," usually has no time for such frivolity.

Indeed, it is the British coach who has intro-

duced into Australia this modern "percentage" game - highly organised, based on hard running, tight, pressure defence, with few risks.

The British game is more entrenched in Melbourne where many top coaches are from the United Kingdom, as are many of the top players.

In Adelaide that does not apply.

In Sydney it applies to a lesser extent.

Marconi, under Italian coach, Roberto Vieri, and Adelaide City under Yugoslav coach Zoran Matic met in Adelaide on the same weekend as the aforementioned game between Saints and Melbourne Croatia.

What a joy (for me) it was to watch on television Adelaide City in the first half building up with accurate passing that

sometimes produced as many as 13 passes strung together in one movement.

Indeed, I counted one such movement, which started in the back four and 13 passes later ended with a shot at goal.

This to me is Soccer.

It brings into play all the skills of the game, not just the long kicking and heading and volleying skills employed so much in the British game.

Sergio Melita, Adrian Santrac and Aurelio Vidmar all had the range of vision as well as the receiving, dribbling, short and long passing needed to be successful with this style of game.

Marconi, for their part also tried to play accurate Soccer, with neat build ups. This was achieved mainly through one and two touch play.

It did not have the flair and improvisation, inventiveness and intelligence displayed by Adelaide City.

But Adelaide City lost! So they did. There are three reasons for that.

One was that they were devoid of two of their best players and lost a very key player in Neville Flounders at half time.

They also defended very badly at set plays and thirdly they did not seem overly fit, or is that just an impression caused by the poor second half performance.

However, the first half was sufficient for me, starved as I have been for that type of Soccer since the World Cup ended.

Pleasing

It is so pleasing that Adelaide City won the National League Championship last season with this type of Soccer, to let others know that skilled Soccer can succeed against the modern power play.

Of course, skilful Soccer players have got to run, to be able to tackle,

to be able to defend just as others.

Skill, fitness and commitment are always needed if you want to win anything in sport.

You can never use skill as an excuse for losing.

But let me sum up the difference in the play I watched at St George Stadium and in Adelaide on television.

Young David Green of St George (a good young player) made many forceful runs from right full back.

His eyes were always rivetted down his one side of the field, like a sprinter running in a lane. Then to watch Adelaide's Vidmar's constant movement of the head as he sought the vision to pick out players with passes to all parts of the field was a strong difference.

Vieri possessed the best vision of any players who has ever played Soccer in this country. He had the skills to match his vision.

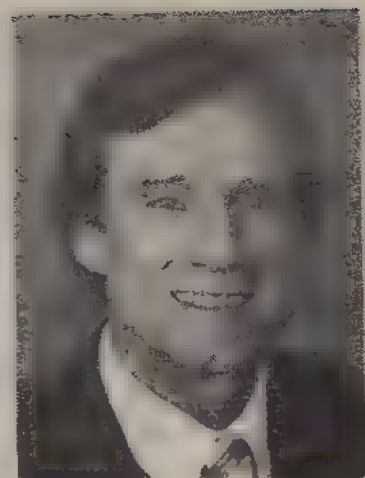
It allowed him to play almost at a jog in his latter days here.

I hope he can get some success with Marconi. There is room for all styles of Soccer.

Can someone marry power and skill in Australia?

Surely the two are not incompatible.

I had hoped Frank Arok could achieved it.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

Ex First Division English footballer. Well known coach and author of Soccer Skills.

MELITA, BLACKTOWN IN NSL MARKET

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SYDNEY City stars Alex Robertson and Grant Lee have been picked up by Melita Eagles and Blacktown respectively.

Coach of the Sydney City club, Eddie Thomson, classed both players as "worthy of their places in any NSL League team."

Melita's Sam Vella said: "Robertson is a very clever central defender. He is just the man needed to tighten our defence."

And Demons' coach Les Scheinflug welcomed the nippy little Grant Lee. "We needed someone to go wide in our attack. Grant certainly fills the bill."

Robertson may not sign for Melita until Thursday, but the deal is well on the way.

Another Sydney City

star is ex-Newcastle goalkeeper Clint Gosling — at \$4000 an absolute steal for any takers.

It defies description why two National League clubs have not baten a path to his door.

Melita has hammered out terms with him, but, as a New Zealand international goalkeeper, Clint wants a clearance to play in the NSW State Bank League compared with the West End NSL.

Surely New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon has no valid reason to object.

The State Bank League is at least the standard of play he would have enjoyed had he

been located in New Zealand.

Signing of players of the calibre of Robertson, Lee and Gosling speaks volumes for the increase in State League standing.

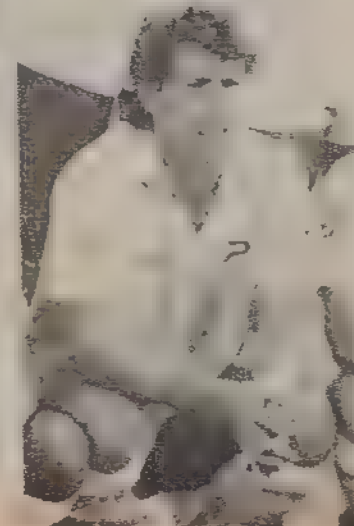
Already Canberra Griffins, Melita Eagles, Blacktown City, Wollongong City and Rockdale Ilinden in particular are looking the part in an intriguing competition.



ALEX ROBERTSON . . . wily Melita defender.



EDDIE THOMSON



GRANT LEE

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA	4	3	1	0	19	2	7
St George	4	3	1	0	15	4	7
Croatia	3	3	0	0	18	4	6
Olympic	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Marconi	4	2	0	2	10	7	4
Melita	3	2	0	1	6	6	4
Sutherland	3	1	0	2	5	9	2
Manly	3	1	0	2	5	12	2
Canterbury	4	1	0	3	2	13	2
Uruguay	4	0	0	4	2	13	0
Warringah	4	0	0	4	2	21	0

RESULTS

LEICHHARDT 2 (T. Parison, L. Dounis) drew with ST GEORGE 2 (Calea, Ilic).

MANLY 4 (B. Glasscock, S. Wassell, R. Greaves, M. Butler) beat URUGUAYAN 2 (W. Yudai 2).

MELITA 3 (S. Klinkacovski 2, D. Pratt) beat WARRINGAH 0.

CANTERBURY 2 (Karavatsis, Myriallakis) beat MARCONI 0.

LEADING SCORERS

6 Zoran Ilic St George

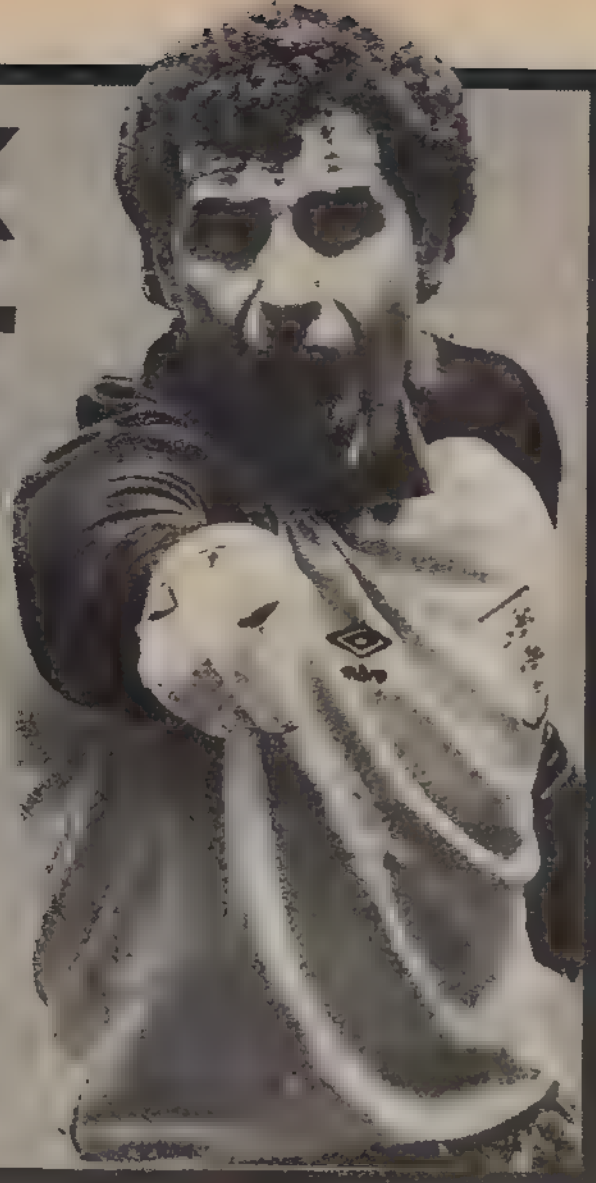
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6 Joe Russo Marconi
5 Tony Krslovic Croatia
5 Lou Dounis APIA
5 Tony Parison APIA

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

FRIDAY, St George v Marconi, St George Stadium. SUNDAY, Canterbury v Melita, Arlington Oval. Warringah v Manly, Graham Reserve. APIA v Sutherland, Lambert Park.

BACK CHAT

with
Frank Coletta



THE vexing question of how to punish the controversial professional foul raised its head once more on the weekend.

Heidelberg's Chris Ketsakidis was sent-off right on full-time after bringing Marconi's rampant striker Steve Maxwell down with the goal at his mercy. Referee Arthur Owens should be commended for the fortitude he showed in halting all activity around him and then acting with the red card. But the thing is if this punishment was sufficient? What if the score had been 0-0 (it was actually 1-0) and a goal beckoned — should the referee have had the discretionary power to award a penalty even though the foul took place outside the area?

Some say yes and in a situation such as yesterday, where Maxwell was just a couple of metres out of the area I agree, especially when the difference might be one point or two.

There are those that suggest a penalty goal might be introduced to quickly rid the game of the so-called professional foul — that might be a little too hard but is worth consideration.

In short referee Owens took all the possible action he could on Sunday and full marks to him.

SO I'm picking up from where I left off last week concerning the possible if not probable move by Western Australia towards the National League

As commendable a scheme it may be how viable or profitable would it be?

The costs are humungous, absolutely enormous. The only real way the sandgropers could enter is if a private backer brought a club to fruition or if a group of consortiums rallied to own a club and run it.

Sometimes wishing gets out of hand and goes beyond the true limits — these private owners would have to 'foot' the bill of all interstate clubs travelling to WA or at least pay for half the expenses — it is beyond any likelihood that any National League clubs would enjoy the hike across the Simpson and pay all the way.

Anyway, conjecture aside — what is really happening in ex-America's Cup territory? Well everyone is chatting there about a belated impact on the National game.

In February last year the WA Government motivated by the success of the reorganised West Australian Football it had inspired, formed a task force to investigate Soccer.

It was the first time in the history of Soccer in Australia that a government had shown a direct interest in the welfare of the game.

Recommendations included: Abandonment of the Soccer Federation of WA for a five-man Soccer commission, a full-time administration of a chief executive officer, marketing manager, account etc., but the biggest being plans for to construct a \$10 million floodlit, fully enclosed stadium to be called "Soccer City".

The government pledged \$5 million towards the so-called "Soccer City" to help establish the move and in fact the other \$5 million has already been granted by local businessmen.

The green light may well soon be given to this City of Soccer and by next year it should be completed. Double-headers are planned and crowds of 5,000 are being confidently predicted. On this basis a profit of \$1 million is anticipated.

And with a strong viable local competition, many West Australian officials see it as a stepping stone to the National League.

THE clash of the year will be on at Lambert Park this Sunday when APIA entertain Marconi.

And aren't the players primed. Following the victories at Lambert and Bossley Park the thoughts in the dressing-rooms were all focused on the big one coming up.

Like one of the boys said: "This is the biggun".

TIME AGAIN for the NSL picks of the week. . .

Starting off with APIA Leichhardt against MARCONI at Lambert Park and we will have a heck of a battle and a draw should result.

HEIDELBERG entertain MELBOURNE Croatia and the visitors should take the spoils.

ADELAIDE City hosts SYDNEY Olympic at Hindmarsh and will take both points.

ST. GEORGE and SUNSHINE George Cross go at it at Saints' Stadium and they will share the points, BRUNSWICK Juventus should beat PRESTON Makedonia and SYDNEY Croatia will be tested by a refreshed SOUTH Melbourne at the Croatian Sports Centre but might just take both points.



EDDIE THOMSON may well sign for Sydney Olympic this week . . . ALEX ROBERTSON should do the same with Melita on Thursday . . . the NSW State League are due to announce the executive director position . . . ALAN HUNTER, JEFF OLIVER and ROBBIE WHEATLEY are all nursing hefty leg injuries following the rugged Marconi — Heidelberg clash on Sunday . . . MARK HUGHES the out-of-favour Barcelona-based Welshman looks set to sign for Glasgow Rangers in Scotland!

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

APIA CONCEDE FIRST GOAL IN 2-2 DRAW

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

THE top of the table clash between APIA and St George on Saturday saw the maroons fight back from 2-0 down and grab a point. It was the first time APIA had conceded a goal this season but their fight back allowed them to stay equal top with the Saints.



ANTHONY PARISON . . . future APIA star.

Yet to score a goal this year, Canterbury scored a double and an upset win over the more fancied Marconi on Sunday. The Berries with a goal in each half are the first side from the State League to take a point from any NSL side allowing them to move up from the bottom.

In other games Melita and Manly recorded sound wins over Warringah and Uruguayan respectively. Melita in fact look the strongest of the State sides and played three U15 players in their 3-0 home win.

MELITA 3 WARRINGAH 0

The high flying Eagles completely dominated their opponents and only extraordinary mistakes in front of goal kept the scoreline respectable for Warringah.

Due to a glut of injuries throughout the Melita club, the Youth side were forced to recall two players from the U15 training camp at Parklea.

Both Paul Rago and Greg Dickinson played prominent roles in the Eagles victory. Rago failed to score but was the most destructive and constructive weapon in the Melita armament.

The first period was scoreless, not for the want of trying. After combining with Steve Klinkacovski, Rago should have netted with only the keeper to beat but shot wide.

Darren Bath, the left winger for the Eagles, missed the two easiest chances of the game, in the 35th minute a Trevor Daley corner was nodded down by Klinkacovski to Bath who smashed his shot into the bar from 6 metres.

Melita piled on the pressure in the second half and after further open goal chances finally got it together to take the points.

Three times in as many minutes early in the

second period Melita were woeful in front of goal. Bath's cross to the unmarked Klinkacovski was headed wide.

A minute later Klinkacovski latched onto a through ball but with only the keeper to beat blasted his effort over the bar. Rago followed suit after a good individual run he rounded the keeper only to see his shot cleared off the line by Mario Agostino.

In the 57th minute however Melita found the net, Klinkacovski followed onto a good save from Dominic Foca to convert the rebound after Rago's shot.

Darren Pratt was superb in the construction of the second, his run down the flank opened the defence and his pinpoint cross was met by Klinkacovski who nodded powerfully into the top corner.

Pratt completed the scoring with a sensational long range drive from 30 metres that gave Foca no chance.

Bath should have added to the scoreline but after breaking through and rounding the keeper he took the ball to the goal line and hit the post from a metre.

MELITA: Blow, Allen (Blake), Daley (Tuyuz), Dickinson, C. Coiro, Pratt, Gomez, Klinkacovski, Rago, Tripodi, Bath.

Best Players: Carmine Coiro, Steve Klinkacovski, Darren Bath.

WARRINGAH: Zucaro (Foca), Listorti, Landini (Bruzzone), Dann, Arcuri, Simpson (Agostino), Russo, Toderello, Cirino, Martinesso, Graziani.

Best Players: Pepe Arcuri, Dominic Zucaro, Eddie Listorti.

ST GEORGE 2 APIA 2

Both the Strikers and the Saints remain equal top after the fourth round depending on the outcome of the Croatia-Olympic match.

The clash on Saturday was a first class encounter between two teams challenging for the top of the table.

St George opened the scoring when Joe Caleta headed home a good cross from Zoran

Naumovski on the left in the 10th minute.

Saints had a goal disallowed for offside when Ken Slavski cracked home a free kick from just outside the area. But the scoring remained 1-0 for the Saints until the break.

With 20 minutes left St George increased their lead with a good solo goal from Zoran Ilic. Ilic beat two defenders before rounding Terry Greedy and slotting the ball home.

APIA hit back five mi-

nutes later when Tony Parison capitalised on a defensive error and netted from seven metres.

Lou Dounis hit the equaliser in style seven minutes from time. From 35 metres out Dounis hit a screamer that nobody saw until it was in the net.

ST GEORGE: Bouhoutsos, Har-mat, Kotevski, Naumovski, Caleta, Kotlas (Morekas), Pottier, Slavski (Talevski), Ilic, Taleki, Oilerenshaw.

APIA: Greedy, Petteon, Bozanic, Bakirtas, Brady, Masl, A. Genovese (Neate), Zullo, Dounis, Koukounaris (Speranza), Parison.

MARCONI 0 CANTERBURY 2

Canterbury finally got their act together and with a goal a half downed the Leopards in their own back yard.

Steve Karavatsis slotted past Jones in the 40th minute after latching onto a through ball and Mack Myriallakis chased a through ball outpacing the defence before chipping over the advancing Jones in the 65th minute for the second.

MARCONI: Jones, Ortega, Rizzotto, Agiasotis, Budwee, Surjan, Circo (Castro), Okon, Russo, Lingotti (Crane), Lovan.

Best Players: Klaus Okon, Freddie Ortega, Anthony Surjan.

CANTERBURY: Mihos, Kokkineas, Ikonopoulos, Dines, Giannopoulos, Karavatsis, Giannopoulos, Kerry (Myriallakis), Beris, C. Lampropoulos (Beris), Apostilides.



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

IT WASN'T 'MAD MAX' II AT ALL!

BY TOM MCKAIN

STEVE MAXWELL shattered Adelaide City fans when he scored the winning goal the other week for Marconi.

It was not only that the goal sunk his former team that upset the home spectators, but the fact that it came from his head.

If the Socceroos had needed a B team for the Westay series against Celtic, Nottingham Forest and Manchester United, Adelaide City's Neville Flounders, Joe Mullen, Alex Tobin, and Charlie Villani were on the list for the first training camp.

The camp candidates' list was out when the Socceroos were withdrawn



MAXWELL



Neville Flounders

JOE MULLEN on the ball.

According to the club statistician "Mad Max" never scored with a header while he was with the SA club!

Apart from that, it is strange what fate might have done.

from the tournament, but if they hadn't Flounders and Mullen would have missed out because of knee operations.

As it was, Villani made it, but had to report with a swollen ankle strapped.

HOWRAH CAN'T GO THE PACE

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

SERGIO Pace produced an outstanding performance in scoring six goals as Juventus-Pioneer trounced Howrah 10-0 in the opening match of Tasmania's Cadbury State League season at the KGV stadium in Glenorchy in midweek.

Pace had four goals to his name at the half-hour mark and Romeo Fre-

diani presented John Broadhouse with Juventus' fifth right on half-time.

Frediani made it 6-0 in the 69th minute from Steve Kannegiesser's cut-back, while Pace then cut loose again to score twice more in the next ten minutes.

Frank Genovesi hit the ninth goal with five minutes remaining and Pace finished off a superb performance by providing Broadhouse with the pass for his second goal and the tenth of the match.

Hales, Corongiu and Dobbie had chances for

Howrah but Juventus goalkeeper Neil Connell had a very quite evening.

"I feel happy for the team because we're off to a good start for a change," said Pace. "We've often started badly so this win is just what we needed."

"If it wasn't for the team, I wouldn't have got the goals."

Olympia-WPL was rarely troubled in beating Hobart City-Azzurri 3-1 in the evening's remaining match.

Player-coach Ken Morton opened the scoring in the 18th minute but a tantalising cross from

the right by Kim Barker enabled Neil Bishop to equalize two minutes later.

Michael Goldsmith restored Olympia's lead seconds before the interval when he converted a penalty, awarded for a foul on Perry Forster.

David Crosson headed home for a free kick two minutes after the resumption to complete the scoring.

Details: Juventus-Pioneer 10 (Pace 6, Broadhouse 2, Frediani, Genovesi) Howrah 0, Olympia-WPL 3 (Morton, Goldsmith, pen., Crosson) Hobart City-Azzurri 1 (Bishop).

Padas, should have hit a dozen against Calies but the strikers were woeful in front of goal.

Padas urged and prompted his teammates with some exquisite passes but was left holding his head in his hands as they fumbled and missed when it would have been easier to score.

Tsangaris, Tsakiris and Hart all had glorious chances fashioned for them by Padas but they couldn't convert, while Hart and Morton both hit the woodwork.

Five minutes before the interval, Tsangaris, Morton and Tsakiris faced a single defender

and the goalkeeper but the move fizzled out as Tsakiris shot tamely at the goalkeeper instead of passing.

Player-coach Ken Morton eventually secured the points when he scored once in each half.

On both occasions, Calies' goalkeeper Damian Smith parried shots straight to Morton who tucked the ball away with ease.

Tom Laszczak gave White Eagles a 1-0 lead at half-time against Howrah and the same player, together with Simon Templeman, completed the scoring in the second period.

ILLAWARRA GOSSIP

GREEK backed Premier League club Aris are battling for their existence this season and spending plenty of money in the process.

BY PHIL MURPHY

Aris engaged Alec Fleming as coach this year after most of the 1986 players left the club, and the new man hasn't had much to smile about.

His team lost their first three games, conceding 10 goals, but it isn't just the on-field problems that concern officials.

Aris are currently in their third season of renting Kelly Park from the Coniston Macedonia club.

While they have had this arrangement their status in Premier League is safe but the ISA has ruled such a rental deal can only last three years.

This means if Aris manage to stave off relegation this season they could still be kicked out of the League because they don't have their own suitable, enclosed ground.

Spokesman Paul Mahanidis says he has become frustrated in recent times as Aris try to find a "home" suitable to the association.

"We have tried a number of locations, but other clubs have beaten us to it or other sports get the nod," Mahanidis said.

"Our committee realise we have to build up our team to be successful on the field, but we still have the threat of dropping out of the League if we can't find a ground for the start of next season."

The four players Aris have signed to bolster their team recently are Wollongong City coach John Fleming, Neale Sutherland from Fernhill and ex-Fairy Meadow duo Mick Richardson and Steve Baker.

At least one other experienced player is on the Aris shopping list.

The thing that worries officials is that their team didn't have a really tough draw in their opening three games.

After losing to Shellharbour, Figtree and Fernhill, Aris still have to come up against the teams making up the top four.

WARWICK YOUNG... father played for Australia.

Referee Struck

ILLAWARRA referee Trevor Hawken was assaulted by a spectator after the under 16

Fisher couldn't get a regular first team place so asked for a move.

Tarrawanna are one team which will get plenty of value from Fisher and in his debut he helped them to a surprise 2-0 win against Cringila at Crehan Park.

ON-OFF FIELD

PROBLEMS FOR

ARIS CLUB

Youth League match between Illawarra and St George.

Happy Ending

WHEN a coach drops a recognised first team player because he hasn't been training he is always in danger of coming under criticism if his team loses.

Fernhill coach Gerry Walker really put himself out on a limb before his team played Aris at Towradgi Park.

Walker left out striker Glen Williams and midfielder Peter Gallagher after both had missed training during the week.

The decision had a happy ending for Walker as his team won 3-1, with the two players he promoted to first grade doing well.

Late in the game Williams was used as a replacement and scored a goal.

Fisher's Ghost

LAST season he was most improved player in the ranks of Illawarra champions, Bulli, but just five months later he can't get a game.

That's the story of Greg Fisher, who has decided to leave Bulli and play with Tarrawanna.

Equally at home in any defensive position or midfield, Fisher had a big year with Bulli, helping that team to stay unbeaten through 1986.

With an influx of new faces at Bulli this season,

We hear there could be at least one more player leaving Bulli in the near future.

Bampton Cup

THE first round of the Bampton Cup knock-out was played yesterday. The competition is named in honour of long-serving ISA treasurer, Berl Bampton.

Bampton started his Soccer administration duties back in 1933 when he was made secretary of the Balgownie Club.

In the following 10 years he also doubled up as a player with Balgownie, North Wollongong and former top-rating Sydney club Goodyear.

When he was appointed treasurer of the ISA in 1943 he could hardly have realised just what a long-term job it was to become.

Made a life member of the association six years ago, he has also been involved with the successful ISA injured players' fund and the judiciary board.

Association secretary Harry Brown describes Bampton as a fine administrator and a great asset to the district Council.

"He has always had a very strong link with the game and is always ready to offer advice to newcomers to our council," Brown said.

Fellowes Quits

GEOFF Fellowes has quit West Figtree after just three rounds of the new season.

The talented midfielder told officials he wouldn't be playing again after losing his first grade spot.

He was involved in a controversy with Fairy Meadow Italia last season after leaving Figtree for that club then deciding he wanted to return.

What makes his latest decision hard for Figtree to take is that they paid Fairy Meadow a transfer fee to get him back.

No Arguments

THE ISA won't have to argue about their Match-of-the-Day this week.

Their Sunday match has to be the clash between big-drawing Port Kembla and South Coast Croatia at Wetherall Park.

It has all the ingredients to be a real crowd-pleaser and is a test for Port Kembla's new player-coach Robert Fryer.

He realises if his team can win this one they have a good chance of winning the championship.

TASMANIAN TALK

OLYMPIA TOPS IN TASMANIAN YOUTH

OLYMPIA-WPL opened up a one point lead over White Eagles at the top of the Southern Tasmanian Pepsi Youth League when it beat Caledonians 2-0 at South Hobart.

Olympia has four points from two matches

and White Eagles has three after beating Howrah 3-0 at the Athletic Centre.

Croatia-Glenorchy occupies third place, level on two points with Rapid, after both teams played scoreless draws against Juventus-Pioneer and Hobart City, respectively.

Olympia, brilliantly led by midfielder Nick

Queensland Update

GREG RUSSELL brings you the latest news and views from the scene up north.

KIRSOPP CLEARED FOR SHAKY ISLES

THE past month will go down as one of the most hectic in the career of Queensland's latest Soccer personality, Martin Kirsopp.

But his coach Eric Thompson believes it has been the making of the 22-year-old midfielder.

Kirsopp, always regarded as a fine XXXX League player, stamped himself as one of Queensland's best when he gave a man of the match performance in Queensland's opening clash against Fiji. But things appeared to go sour in the second game when Kirsopp was involved in an incident which resulted in his send-off and sparked a melee which saw the game abandoned.

Kirsopp's innocence became a local issue with television videos showing the Queensland midfielder and his Fijian marker Epili Rokoqica were not fighting as had been charged and only had become tangled as Kirsopp attempted to shoot under tight marking. But the OSF refused to accept the video evidence, ruling it was unfair to give one player the privilege which could not be afforded to all players in all divisions.

Without the clinching evidence, his appeal looked set to go either way. But to his relief it was upheld and his one representative match suspension lifted — clearing the way for him to be selected for the Queensland tour of New Zealand next month.

IPSWICH — BRISBANE IN BIG CHALLENGE

INTERCITY dominance in Queensland Soccer will be decided this week when Brisbane and Ipswich met in their annual clash.

Ipswich won the intercity title last year, beating Brisbane 2-1 at Perry Park, while Brisbane won the previous year, taking the match 4-2 on penalties after a scoreless 120 minutes.

This year's clash, which is the final selection trial for the Queensland squad to tour New Zealand in May, will be held at Ipswich United's Ebbw Vale Ground this Wednesday (April 22).

Brisbane will start hot favorites. Coach Mal Bland has chosen a side which includes 11 players who turned out for Queensland against Fiji last month. The Ipswich team has just one current Queensland player.

But those statistics are misleading, and each team has its own qualities and a close game is assured.

The Brisbane squad is: Rob Farrow, Keith Marsh, Frank Liddell, Alan Niven, John Ogden, Jim Morton, Brett Druery, Russell Stewart, Richard Basingthwaite (all Lions), Frank Mengotti, Kieran Cooper (Azzurri Brisbane City), Mark Pickup,

permanent residency. After much deliberation, he rejected the Lions approach.

"Marty has never been through that side of Soccer before and I think it matured him a lot," Thompson said.

"It proved to Marty what an important player his is, not only to Queensland, but also to Mount Gravatt. He's become a leader and a personality. But more importantly a real team man.

"In the past, Marty has sometimes done his own thing on the park, but I think he is now understanding how to play within a team."

Mount Gravatt intend to use Kirsopp's newly gained personality status and intend to involve him in the coaching of local schoolchildren and juniors.



JOHN STEWART

Martin Kirsopp (Mr Gravatt), Jarrod Austin (North Star).

The Ipswich squad is: Kim Wishart, Kevin Caldwell, Andy Ogden, Mark Brusasco, Dave Wheeler, Ian Lawrie, Bruce Penman (all Coalstars), Jeff Dann, Wayne Warren, Brett Kitching, Wayne Warren, Randall McKeand, Richie Barnard, Peter Vogler, Paul McClure (all Ipswich United).

The new faces in the Brisbane team, outside of the Queensland reps are Mount Gravatt goalkeeper Mark Pickup and North Star striker Jarrod Austin.

But the Ipswich squad contains 10 of the squad which beat Brisbane last year and six players have Queensland caps.

While the reputations will be with the Brisbane players, Ipswich coach Gary Wilkins believes his

AZZURRI BRISBANE CITY IN DOUBLE BACK FLIP

FORMER National League Azzurri Brisbane City have been forced to do some quick players shuffling to avoid being caught by the maximum three import visa player rule.

The club has on sold Irish defender Noel Greenhalgh to neighbours Juventus Trident after the import spent just two weeks, and only half a game, at the Spencer Park club.

Azzurri were caught out when a permanent residency application for their South American midfielder Roberto Lettieri was delayed. The club had expected Lettieri to have gained the status by now and had organised for the import of two Irish players — Greenhalgh and a striker, Martin Nugent.

Both Irishmen had been scouted by Azzurri's highly successful 1986 import, Kieran Cooper, during a stint with Bray Wanderers in Ireland during the Australian off-season.

Greenhalgh was the first available to come to Australia and when he

arrived three weeks ago, he became City's third visa player alongside Cooper and Lettieri. But the expected change in Lettieri's status never came and there was no vacancy for Nugent, a prolific scoring winger who has only just been released by Bray.

With Cooper losing his goalscoring touch, and Azzurri scoring only five goals in the first three games of the XXXX League, the need for another striker, rather than a defender became obvious.

With Nugent anxious and waiting to come to Australia, the club had no choice but to off-load of their visa players. Greenhalgh was the obvious choice and promotion aspiring second division club Juventus jumped at the chance to add the experienced Irishman to their ranks.

Azzurri team manager Len Catalano admitted the club had been a little embarrassed by the events and was adamant that they had not washed their hands of Greenhalgh in their desperation to get Nugent to Australia.

"We imported Noel because he was available at the time and Martin was not, but our need is more for a striker than a defender," Catalano said.

"We hope Roberto Lettieri will gain permanent residency soon and that will allow us to review the situation.

"It has simply been a decision made in the best interests of the on-field performance of the team. And to be professional, that must be the primary concern in all matters."

Although Lions are not favourites to win the XXXX League and go into the NSL promotion play-offs, City are doing a fine job to match the pace with their former NSL campaigners.

The former NSL strugglers, now with Spaniard and former Philippines National coach Juan Cutillas at the helm, took maximum points from their first three games. And what was even more pleasing, the side did not concede a goal in the opening three rounds.

That was a remarkable effort considerable the Azzurri defence was the most fragile and vulnerable component of the team during the pre-season. Cutillas has combined goalkeeper Stu Woodruffe, bought from Mount Gravatt and playing well enough to hold former Lions NSL keeper Wayne Evans out of the side, with a backline of Ibro Cahut, Rod Vasquez, Glenn Archer and Frank Guglielmino.

"I am very pleased with the improvement of our backline and keeper. Our problems are now in attack but, hopefully, that will be solved soon too," Cutillas said.

WILLIAMSON REJECTS LURE TO BUNDAMBA

STRUGGLING 1986 XXXX League grand final winners Coalstars have failed in a bid to lure former Lions and Brisbane City NSL ace Billy Williamson to Bundamba.

Coalstars, who have taken just one point from the first six, were given a stern rebuttal not only from Williamson's current club North Star but also from the player himself.

"Billy's not for sale," said North Star coach Iain Fagan, which was followed the next night by Williamson's statement: "I don't want to go to Coalstars, I am happy at North Star."

Coalstars, desperate to find the form which took them to three major trophy wins last year, the grand final, the Ampol Cup and the President's

Cup, wanted Williamson as a replacement for their injured sweeper and captain Mark McNaughton. McNaughton was found to have a snapped cruciate ligament during surgery for what originally was thought to be a routine cartilage operation. He will be sidelined for a year.

Williamson, the former Dundee and Dundee United Star, loomed as the obvious replacement following his great success since being switched by Fagan from a forward to sweeper this season.

Fagan left no doubts as to Williamson's importance in the North Star team now.

"Even if Billy wanted to go to Coalstars, I don't think they could have afforded him. At the moment, he's the best sweeper in Queensland and I think the way he's going, he could play there for another five

years. So what's that worth?"

Williamson's form certainly has not gone unnoticed and Queensland coach Bruce Stowell has now watched him twice this season as he begins finalising his squad to tour New Zealand next month. In the Opening three XXXX League rounds, Williamson was man of the match twice as North Star took maximum points to maintain the pace with Lions and Azzurri Brisbane City.

Coalstars, who many expected to be among the leaders, have been left languishing in the bottom half of the table as they

repeatedly failed to match their good football with goals.

Styles desperation to find a sweeper was evident in the early rounds when he tried two different players in the first two fixtures. And the club also has gone abroad looking for players and hopes to have a Scottish defender here within a month.

"There is concern, but it is not panic," Styles said. "It was always on the cards that things might go like this after such a successful season last year and now it is a test of our character to fight our way out of it."

THE Queensland XXXX League table after three rounds was:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lions	3	3	-	-	14	1	6
Azzurri BC	3	3	-	-	6	0	6
North Star	3	3	-	-	5	1	6
Easts	3	2	1	-	7	4	5
Rochdale	3	1	2	-	6	4	4
Ipswich Utd	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Grange Thistle	3	-	2	1	2	3	2
Taringa R.	3	1	-	2	2	4	2
Coalstars	3	-	1	2	2	4	1
Mt Gravatt	3	-	1	2	5	8	1
Olympic Utd	3	-	-	3	1	11	0
Redlands Utd	3	-	-	3	0	11	0

This weekend's matches are: Saturday: North Star v Redlands, O'Callaghan Park, 7pm; Rochdale R. v Azzurri Brisbane City, Underwood Park, 7pm; Sunday: Coalstars v Olympic United, Bundamba, 2.45pm; Taringa v Mt Gravatt, Speare Park, 2.45pm; Lions v Ipswich United, Richlands, 2.45pm; Monday: Easts v Grange Thistle, Perry Park, 7pm.

THE Club Championship table after three rounds was:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	12	11	-	1	27	12	22
Lions	12	9	2	1	37	6	20
Grange Thistle	12	5	5	2	18	8	15
Easts	12	5	5	2	22	13	15
Rochdale	12	4	6	2	18	14	14
Azzurri BC	12	4	3	5	19	21	11
Ipswich Utd	12	3	4	5	9	16	10
Redlands Utd	12	4	2	6	12	28	10
Coalstars	12	3	2	7	18	21	8
Olympic Utd	12	2	3	7	9	25	7
Taringa R.	12	2	2	8	15	25	6
Mt Gravatt	12	1	4	7	12	29	6



RICHARD BASSINGTHWAIGHTE

GOALS GALORE IN HONEYCHURCH PREMIER LEAGUE OPENING

NORTH TASMANIA

BY JOHN TSCHEPPEA

NORTHERN Tasmania's league season kicked off with a cannonade of goals — 30 in all — that would have excited the most avid supporter.

The Ulverstone Launceston United game produced the highest number of goals — 10 in all. Unfortunately, nine were against the visitors to Knight's Road.

Joe McGrory hit four goals, Tom Compagne gained a hat-trick and Anderson and Mitchell helped themselves to one each.

United's only consolation was that they scored first — a Gambles penalty kick.

Launceston City and Devonport fought out the next highest scoring game — a thriller in which City led by four goals before allowing the Port to close the gap to only one goal.

Stillie scored City's first from a penalty in the 12th minute.

Gerry Farrell added a second 7 minutes later.

And Brian Davidson hammered in a low drive for the 3rd to give City a comfortable half-time lead.

Davidson further increased City's lead soon after the half-time restart.

Then Devonport found the scoring touch.

Mike Meldrum's cross ended up in the net, Frame ran from the half-way line to slot away the second, and then Frame and Meldrum combined to score the third.

But it was not enough

as City hung on to secure its first points of the season.

Burnie and Juventus fought out a 3-3 draw at Prospect.

Juve led 2-1 at half-time but Burnie equalised and Rob Smith shot them to the lead with a penalty.

They clung to their lead until the 8th minute when Colin Guest, fresh from England, forced both teams to share the points.

Matric opened their in-

nings with a 3-0 win over Olympic; and Georgetown accounted for newly-promoted White Eagles, 3-1.

Round 1 results:

Ulverstone (McGrory 4, T. Compagne 3, Anderson, Mitchell) d Launceston United (Gambles) 9-1, Launceston City (B. Davidson 2, Stillie, Farrell) d Devonport (Frame 2, M. Meldrum) 4-3, Matric (Hughes 2, Murray) d Olympic 3-0, Georgetown (Schiebl, Monagle, Moran) d White Eagles (Kent) 3-1, Juventus (Rossi, Miotto, Guest) dw Burnie (Foley, Milne, Rob Smith) 3-3.

Olympic 4-0, Launceston City (Bessell, Stillie) d Launceston United (Buggy) 2-1, Ulverstone (T. Compagne, Anderson, McGrory) d White Eagles (Rigby) 3-1, Juventus (Guest 3, Miotto) d Matric (Reading, Hughes) 4-2, Georgetown (Moran, Schiebl, Bryan) d Burnie 3-0.

Round 2 ladder:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ulverstone	2	2	0	0	12	2	4
Georgetown	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Launc. City	2	2	0	0	6	4	4
Juventus	2	1	1	0	7	5	3
Devonport	2	1	0	1	7	4	2
Matric	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Burnie	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
White Eagles	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Olympic	2	0	0	2	0	7	0
Launc. United	2	0	0	2	11	0	0

Leading scorers (after Rd 2):

5 — McGrory (Ulv), Guest (Juv), 4 — T. Compagne (Ulv), 3 — Hughes (Matric), 2 — Schiebl (Geo), Moran (Geo), Frame (Dev), Anderson (Ulv), Davidson (L. City), Stillie (L. City), Miotto (Juv), 1 — Rigby (W.E.), Kent (W.E.), Gambles (L.U.), Buggy (L.U.), Bryan (Geo), Monagle (Geo), Mitchell (Ulv), Bessell (L. City), Farrell (L. City), Rob Smith (Bur), Foley (Bur), Milne (Bur), Pizzerani (Dev), Parke (Dev), DiPietro (Dev), Murray (Mat), Reading (Mat).

ACT FEDERATION

Federation Cup, second round: Canberra City Olympians 2 Queanbeyan City 3, Canberra City 2 Weston Creek 1, ANU 4 North Canberra Jets 0, Belconnen United 10 Goulburn 1, Juventus 7 Electric Shadows 2, Croatia Deakin 8 International 0.

Canberra Cup final (under 19s): Juventus 3 Croatia Deakin 0.

ACT Women's Association

ELAINE WATSON CUP First round: Canberra City 0 ANU 1, Belconnen United 4 CCAE 0, Queanbeyan 0 Weston Creek 3, Downer Olym-

the 78th minute.

Howrah's youth team gained some revenge for the massacre of its senior side the previous Wednesday by beating a talent-laden Juventus side 3-1, also at the Athletic Centre.

Juventus had Robbie Kent back in midfield after his two-year spell with Manly in Sydney, but it was former Juventus player Steve Maccallini who stole the show.

Maccallini scored twice against his former club, the first goal cancelling out Shane Bromfield's 22nd minute effort which put Juventus in front, while the second came from a well-taken free kick in the 62nd minute which went in off the underside of the bar.

Kingston scored Howrah's remaining goal nine minutes after the interval when he rounded the goalkeeper to put his side 2-1 in front.

Howrah's win was marred by Harvey's dismissal five minutes from time following a foul on Kent.

Juventus was a much better side than the score suggests and Shane Bromfield was unlucky not to score on at least three occasions, in addition to his one successful attempt.



pic 1 Stormbirds 0.

Second round: Canberra City 0 Belconnen United 0, Queanbeyan 1 CCAE 0, Downer 1

David Stoddart (left) of Hobart's White Eagles in a tussle with Michael Goldsmith of Olympia in the former's 3-0 win in the Cadbury Charity Cup final. — Picture by courtesy Jimmy Kerr of "The Mercury".

SALISBURY SOUND WARNING IN SA

THERE was a warning rumble from the north of South Australia as the State League Rothmans first division completed its fifth round on the weekend.

By Tom McKain

District team Salisbury produced its fifth straight win in beating Croatia 1-0 to stay top of the table and a potential challenger for a West End National League playoff place.

Hellas, relegated from the national league last year, got back on the winning track when they sunk bottom club Birkalla 3-1.

However, Hellas is still two points behind

Salisbury, who have 10.

And, Beograd, who beat Hellas the previous week, is also on eight but behind Hellas on goal difference.

Polonia, early leaders, are back in the battle on seven points after drawing 3-3 with last year's champions Campbelltown.

But, the big winners at the weekend, who caused shock waves

STATE LEAGUE

throughout the League, was Para Hills with a 6-0 win over Lions to jump into fourth place on six points — one behind Polonia.

If Salisbury, Hellas, Beograd and Polonia keep up their present charges there could be a cut throat showdown at the end of the season.

Despite the costs and the risks of bankruptcy, very few clubs are backing off from the chance of playing off for a place in the national league.

Paul Tsangaris gave Olympia the lead 21 minutes with a low shot from wide on the right which City goalkeeper Zito got a hand to but couldn't deflect.

Nick Padas made it 2-0 on the hour when he converted a penalty.

City's John Cionci and Nick Marino gave Olympia a couple of anxious moments but City's frustration was clearly evident with the cautioning of Di Domenico in the first half and the dismissal of goalkeeper Zito in

OLYMPIA ON TOP OF HOBART CITY

REIGNING Pepsi Youth League Soccer champion Olympia-WPL took the first step towards retaining its Southern Tasmanian title when it beat Hobart City 3-0 at the Athletic Centre.

Peter Vafakos, who broke his leg midway through last season, made a comeback for Olympia and played confidently in the centre of the defence.

Senior team striker Paul Xanthopoulos also made an appearance for Olympia and he set up the final goal for Andrew Hart in the 77th minute.

1987 CASCADE SUMMER CUP COMPETITION

Rothmans League Section

Group 3: South Hobart 4 (Clark 2, Sanders, Robins) Calies Mets 0, Metro-Claremont 2 (McIntyre, Ashwood) Phoenix 0, South Hobart 2 (P. Sherman, Grueber) Phoenix 0, Metro-Claremont 3 (McIntyre, Clamp, Oliver) Calies Mets 0, Metro-Claremont 1 (McIntyre) South Hobart 0, Phoenix 2 (Tamani, Alexander) Calies Mets 0.

Group 4: Taroona 3 (Sherman 2, B. Ross) University 0, Kingborough 4 (Trueman 2, Trivett 2) Nelson United 1 (M. Craik), Kingborough 3 (Dinjan, Trueman, Ellis) University 0, Taroona 1 (B. Ross) Nelson United 0, Taroona 2 (Sherman, Morrison, pen.) Kingborough 0, Nelson United 2 (Siddall, Rawlings) University 0.

Final Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Metro-Claremont	3	3	0	0	6	0	6
South Hobart	3	2	0	1	6	1	4
Phoenix	3	1	0	2	4	2	2
Calies Mets	3	0	0	3	0	9	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taroona	3	3	0	0	6	0	6
Kingborough	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Nelson United	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
University	3	0	0	3	0	8	0

Final: Taroona 1 (Smith) Metro-Claremont 1 (Dawes); Replay — Taroona 2 (Smith, Stewart) Metro-Claremont 1 (McIntyre, pen.) after extra-time (1-1 after 90 minutes).

Cadbury League Section

Group 1: Olympia 4 (Greenwood, Goldsmith, Munro, Xanthopoulos) Hobart City 3 (Cionci, Ambrosino, pen., Brightman), Caledonians 1 (Parker) Juventus 0, Hobart City 1 (Bishop) Caledonians 0, Juventus 1 (Stanford) Olympia 1 (Greenwood) Olympia 2 (Greenwood 2) Caledonians 0, Juventus 6 (Genovesi 3, Longo, Broadhouse, own goal) Hobart City 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympia-WPL	3	2	1	0	7	4	5
Juventus-Pioneer	3	1	1	1	7	2	3
Caledonians	3	1	0	2	1	3	2
Hobart City	3	1	0	2	4	10	2

CROATIA DEAKIN BUY HOT PROSPECT

CROATIA Deakin has plunged into the international transfer market to bring a leading Papua New Guinean Soccer player to Canberra.

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Assistant coach Ivan Gruicic said this week that the player, 19-year-old John Forova, could be turning out for the ACT first division side in a few days.

"His visa has been approved and we are awaiting the results of a medical examination," Gruicic said.

"He is a striker who has been making a big impression in the local club championship."

Forova is a relative of former Canberra City forward Manis Lamond, who transferred to Sydney Croatia last season for \$33,000, and if he has only some of that player's abilities could rapidly become one of the hottest properties in the ACT League.

The youngster will come to a team now run by one of the most experienced coaches in Australia, Dom Kapetanovic.

The Croatia boss, who once took charge of the Yugoslavian national side for matches against Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland, has coached leading teams in Yugoslavia, Greece, Libya, Canada and Australia, where he once took Sydney Croatia to the NSW State League title without losing a game.

While admitting that Canberra was isolated in "a Soccer Sahara" he said the city, and Croatia Deakin in particular, had a great deal of young talent which could be developed.

"I believe that Tony

CAPITAL COVER

Lemezina, who was with us at the beginning of the season and is now with Melbourne Croatia, will one day play for Australia," he said.

However, he was not at Croatia to produce talent for the bigger clubs in Sydney or Melbourne.

"It is my task to steer the club to the ACT first division title and to do everything I can to strengthen its claim to a place in the NSW League," he said.

Meanwhile, Gruicic said that his suspension from Soccer, imposed after an incident while he was playing in a lower-division match for Canberra Old Boys last season, had now been lifted.

"I am looking forward to playing a full part in the game again," he said.

BIG SHAKE UP AT UNITED

AN administrative shake-up at ACT first-division Tuggeranong United has led to secretary Steve Lowndes taking over as senior vice-president.

The move comes after disagreements within the senior committee which led to several resignations as the club, formed out of a merger between first-division Kambah United and third-division Tuggeranong during the summer, prepared for the new season.

United made the worst possible start when it was on the wrong end of a giant-killing feat in the first round of the Federation Cup.

After being held to a 2-2 draw by North Canberra Jets it went out on penalties to the virtually unknown fourth-division outfit.

"The players took the game far too lightly," Lowndes said afterwards. "North Canberra had nothing to lose and they wanted to play hard and win the ball."

"Hopefully, some good will come of this. The club still has the upmost faith in the head coach, Mauro Valeri, and the rest of the staff."

President, Graham Plath saw some consolation in the loss. "Both our goals were scored by Leo Kennedy, our new signing from Croatia Deakin, and it's quite clear he will be a major acquisition," he said.

United have lost first-choice goalkeeper

Andrew Moebus to Concordia-Canberra, although deputy Aiden O'Shea appears to be an adequate replacement.

Another recent gain has been former Narrabundah and Concordia midfielder Herbie Ormeno, who signed shortly after the cup loss.

With most of the leading players from both clubs re-signing, including ACT representative defender Jimmy Baxter, Plath believes a mid-table place is a reasonable target for the new club.

"It's realistic considering we don't pay our players," he said.

"It would be good to break into the top four and we know it's possible — CCAE managed it last year — but a position higher than fifth would be icing on the cake."

United will be waging a campaign off the field at least as intense as that on it.

"We have to get \$100,000 together as a first step in our plans to acquire licensed premises," Plath said. "It will mean a big fund-raising effort which will involve everyone at the club."

— GRAHAM COOKE

MUSUMECI MOVES TO CANBERRA

CANBERRA CITY Strikers' National Indoor Soccer League goalkeeper, Tony Musumeci, is planning a move to Canberra as part of his campaign to oust Craig Carlisle from the Australian team.

Musumeci, who is based in Sydney and travelled down to Canberra for home games last season, played no small part in the Strikers' success which ended in an NISL grand-final loss to Sydney Tornados.

In Canberra recently looking at houses, he was an interested spectator at the Canberra City Grifins — Warringah Freshwater NSW State Bank League game at Bruce Stadium.

"The Strikers want to keep me next season even if I continue to live in Sydney, but I owe it to them to move here so I can attend training sessions and be closer to the team," he said.

"It's my ambition to play for Australia and I can only achieve that by doing my best for the team I play for in the NISL."

ACT Women's Association
ELAINE WATSON CUP

Weston Creek 1,
Stormbirds 0 ANU 0.

SARAH BRIGGS
SHIELD

First round: Wanderers 0 Belconnen United B 1, Canberra-Concordia 4 Downer Olympic B 2, CCAE B 2 Weston Creek B 0, Tuggeranong United 2 ANU B 1.

Second round: Wanderers 3 Concordia-Canberra 2, CCAE B 0 Belconnen United B 2, Tuggeranong United 1 Downer Olympic B 0, Stormbirds 0 Weston Creek B 1.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

I had occasion to phone you a few weeks ago, regarding lack of results and point scores for State League in the Soccer Weekly.

The last few weeks have seen a great improvement, with your readers being much better informed

Congratulations and many thanks for correcting this situation

K.L. Mewburn,
Chipping Norton 2170.

[We are in our stride now and have no intention of missing a beat, as far as humanly possible. — Ed]

OPINION

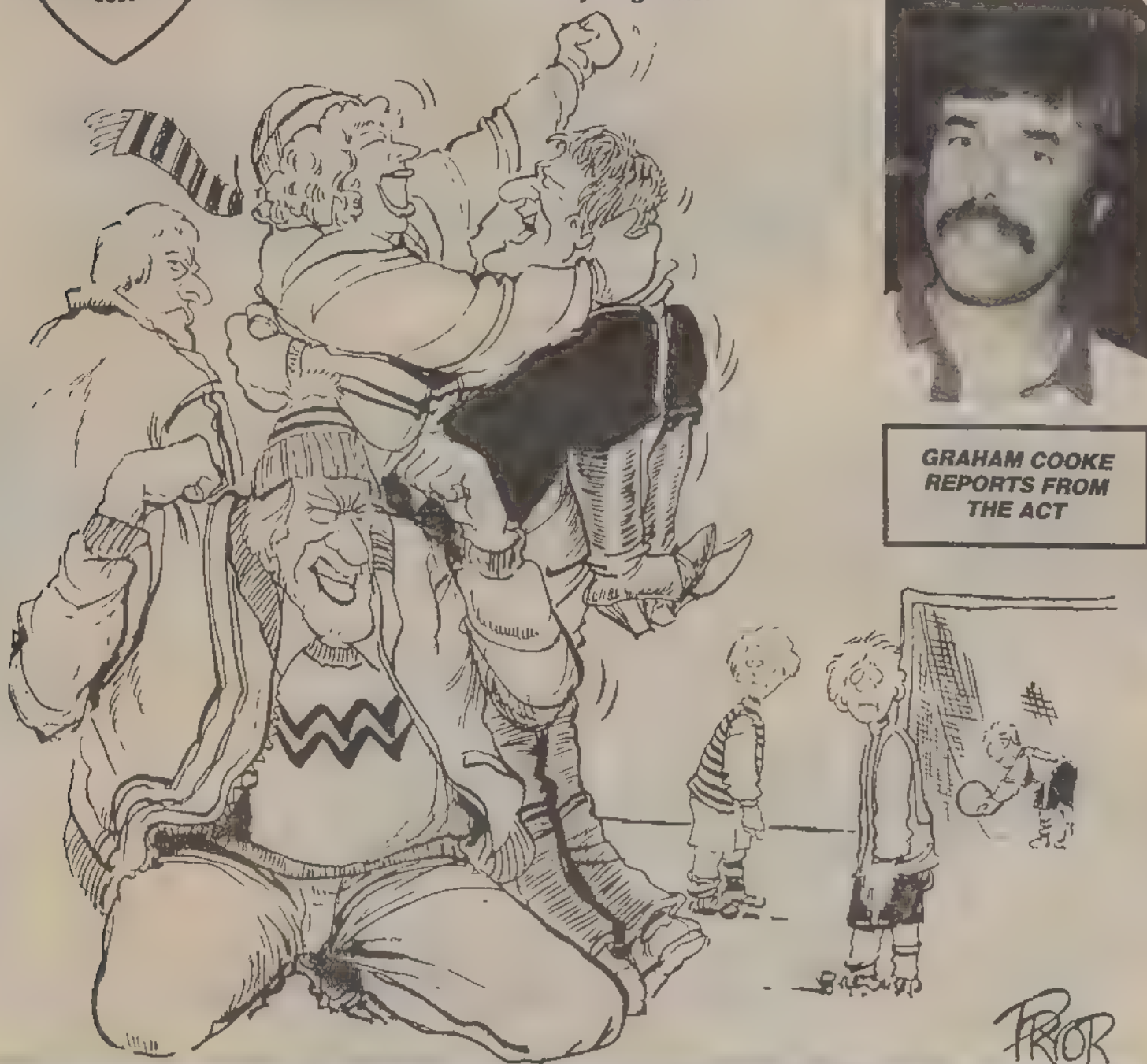
SOCCER certainly doesn't need enemies! Not when it has 'friends' like Mr Worthington, Mr Lowy and the Hakoah board of directors.

H.G. Bowman,
Epping 2121.



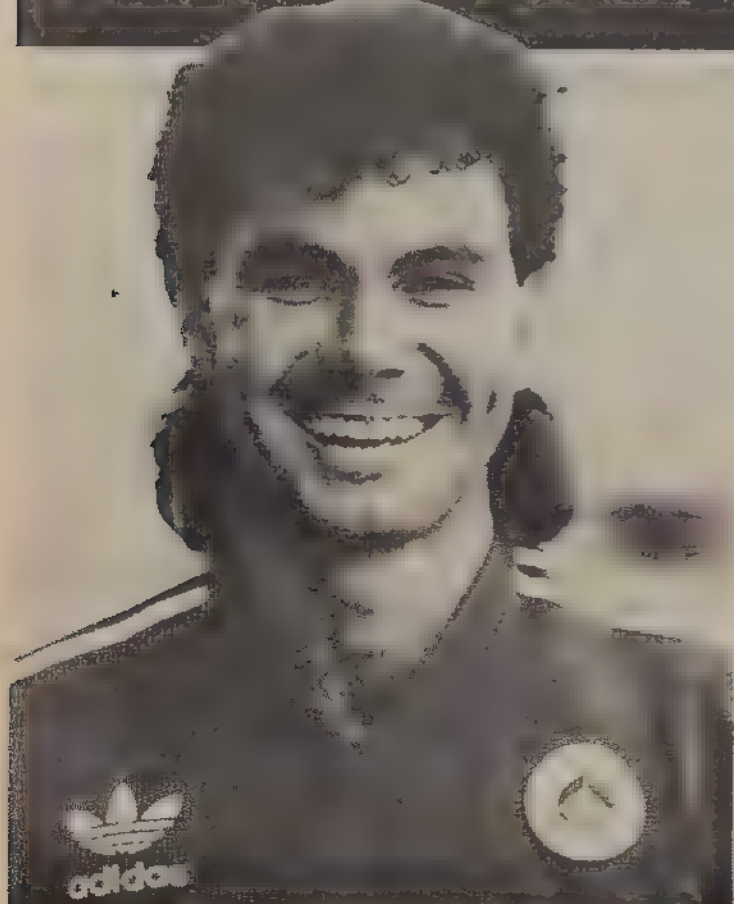
ACT'S BELSOUTH CLUB'S MUMS AND DADS

The cartoonist for The Canberra Times, Geoff Pryor, took a rather pointed look at the behaviour of some parents at junior matches when he "guested" for BelSouth club's monthly magazine.



GRAHAM COOKE
REPORTS FROM
THE ACT

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT



NAME: Alex Cummings
AGE: 19
D.O.B.: 3/8/67
HEIGHT: 182cm
WEIGHT: 81kg
POSITION: Defender
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Kewdale, Belmont, Forrestfield Utd WA
STATE: U/13 to Youth
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED: —
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: Oceania qualifying series 1987
OCCUPATION: Horticulturist
OTHER: AIS Scholarship since 1984

Alex is the AIS captain and the longest serving player on record. He has developed into a fine centre-back and is a regular member of the National Youth squad. For a big lad he has very good techniques and mobility. Alex is another AIS player who has attracted attention from NSL coaches and will be sought after this year.

ACT First Division — April 26
Croatia Deakin v Belconnen United
Canberra City Olympians v CCAE
Juventus v Tuggeranong United
Narrabundah v Concordia-Canberra

NAME: Douglas Marcina
AGE: 16
D.O.B.: 25/5/70
HEIGHT: 173cm
WEIGHT: 68kg
POSITION: Midfield/Striker
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Croatia Deakin, Canberra City
STATE: A.C.T.
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED: U/14 to Youth, Schoolboys
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Student
OTHER: —

Doug is another local product from the ACT who has excellent physical qualities. He is a quick skilful performer who is used to playing out wide or as a central striker.



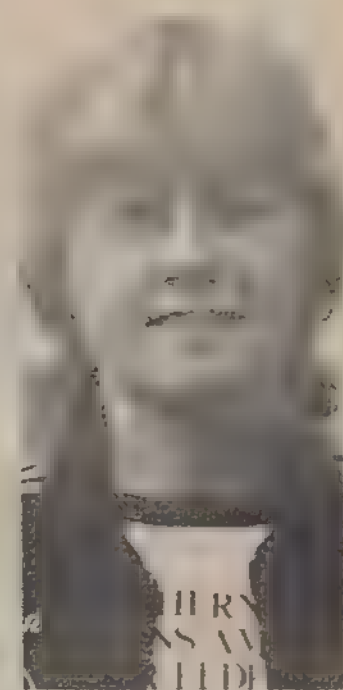
NAME: Julie Murray
STATE ASSOC.: ACT
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS: 1
D.O.B.: 28.4.70
PLACE OF BIRTH: Adelaide
HEIGHT: 5'3"
OCCUPATION: Student
PLAYING POSITION: Striker
SOCCER HONOURS: Aust. U15's 1983; Aust. Seniors '85
SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS: Representing Australia in Oceania Cup 1986
MOST ADMIRER PLAYERS: Julie Dolan and Gordon Strachan
MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON ON SOCCER CAREER: Father
FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast Dinners
FAVOURITE MUSIC: R & R
OTHER SPORTS INTERESTS AND HONOURS: Softball rep. for Australia, enjoy most sports.



NAME: Moya Dodd
STATE ASSOC.: S.A.
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS: 1
D.O.B.: 30.4.65
PLACE OF BIRTH: Adelaide
HEIGHT: 160cms
OCCUPATION: Student
PLAYING POSITION: Striker
SOCCER HONOURS: SA rep. since 1984; Aust. rep. 1986
SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS: Playing for Australia in 1986
MOST ADMIRER PLAYERS: Teresa McCann and Kenny Dalglish
MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON ON SOCCER CAREER: Arlene Moncrieff
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fruit
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Jazz
OTHER SPORTS INTERESTS AND HONOURS: Skiing and windsurfing



NAME: Sue Buswell
STATE ASSOC.: Northern NSW
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS: 1
D.O.B.: 17.12.61
PLACE OF BIRTH: Newcastle
HEIGHT: 167cms
OCCUPATION: Clerk
PLAYING POSITION: Defender
SOCCER HONOURS: NNSW rep. since 1974; Australian squad 4 times
SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS: Playing for Australia
MOST ADMIRER PLAYERS: Julie Dolan, Glen Hoddle
MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON ON SOCCER CAREER: Parents and Leah Wright
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pasta
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Mellow
OTHER SPORTS INTERESTS AND HONOURS: Rep. in cricket; enjoy karate, cricket and squash.



ACT & AMATEURS

AS part of our continuing review of our features, ASW will be running a special page each week on the latest from the national capital.

And the NSW Amateurs' cover will be entirely revised to present all the main features of the sport, beginning in our next issue.

Take a break — it's laugh-time



"Don't worry — our striker is too slow to catch a cold."



"You've two minutes to score the winner or you'll be looking for a new club."



"Will you tell our super skills genius that when I told him to practise shooting with both feet didn't mean at the same time."

GRIFFINS LAUNCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

CANBERRA City Griffins will soon be launching the most ambitious schools program in the history of the club in an effort to win more converts to Soccer.

BY GRAHAM COOKE

The program will centre on player-coach Augusto Palacios and fellow Peruvians Alexis Suarez and Sixto Gonzales.

"We are hoping to involve every other player in the club if and when they are available," Griffins secretary Taso Samios said.

It was planned to begin the program in the first week of the second term.

"We do not want it to be an exhibition, like it has been in the past when the kids stand round and watch the players do a few ball juggling exercises," he said.

"We will be running proper coaching clinics

— four schools a day, four days a week, with return visits over a three or four week period.

"And, it will be made clear to the youngsters that the club is interested in them. If they are good enough they could have a future playing for the Griffins."

The proposals had the support of the ACT Schools Authority and the Griffins were hoping to find a sponsor for the program "although sponsorship is by no means essential to everything going ahead."



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THAT VEXED WITHDRAWAL

NOW that Hakoah/Sydney City have departed the NSL albeit in a most undignified manner — it is worth noting that of all those clubs that were founder members or early onto the scene when the NSW Soccer Federation began in 1957 and were real forces in the game during the short but sweet boom years 1957-1964 only two, namely APIA and St George Budapest, are left. As far as the Budapest club it would be a brave soul who would bet on their short term survival prospects.

In APIA's case, after nearly folding there have been some weak revival attempts which have now been followed by a quite determined attempt at this time to recapture some of the long lost following and greatness enjoyed by the truly great APIA teams of yesteryear. It is indeed a monumental — some would say a hop-

less — struggle. Hakoah/Sydney City now joins Prague, Corrima/South Coast Utd and the Australia Canterbury Soccer clubs amongst other lesser lights which have disappeared almost without a trace, like shooting stars. It strikes me as most tragic and indicative of the basic underlying instability of the game in Australia not just over the past thirty year but the whole one hundred plus years of its existence in Australia.

It may come as a shock to many but Prague Corrima/Sth Coast Utd and the old Canterbury clubs were in their heyday just like the now departed Hakoah; clubs of REAL significance and influence even if it was in some cases only for a short period.

Yet when they folded or merged each of these distinguished clubs' special contribution to the game was never even partially carried on by the surviving clubs and neither were most of their supporters, who by

and large left the game for good.

If you think they did not have worthwhile support please check old records you will be surprised.

The only obvious moment of the departed clubs was the players.

Everything else they contributed to the game was lost or became a fading memory for an ever decreasing number of people who were lucky enough to experience the joy and happiness that these clubs provided with their ENTERTAINING type of Soccer.

It is worth considering that the people who financed the former Sydney City club are some of the most astute businessmen in Australia.

If they have decided to abandon Sydney City and the NSL — something they have done only after long and careful deliberation — then the future survival of the NSL despite all the hype is likely to be bleak if not

short.

The West End Brewery may prove to be an appropriately named sponsor for the NSL if the smart money is right and they usually are.

"Soccer Fan" Sydney & address supplied

[The withdrawal of the Hakoah — backed Sydney City club should not be blamed on their attitude to the future of the NSL.

Whatever you may think is the NSL's long term future, the fact remains that the Sydney City support was numerically negligible.

Indeed it is probably right on the mark to say that, even had they had 1,000 or 1500 supporters, the Hakoah club would have felt obliged to retain Sydney City.

What was so unacceptable was the timing of the withdrawal.

Their absence could well have cost their away opponents an average of close to \$20,000 per club for the cancelled game — Ed.]

EVERTON IN BOX SEAT FOR ENGLISH HONOURS

SATURDAY's Liverpool-Everton clash at Anfield could decide the likely outcome of the English League championship.

Everton (73 points and with a game in hand) has a three point margin over their local rivals.

Tottenham (64 points with a game less played than Everton) appear to be outside the pale although they are currently third on the queue.

It will take a miracle to prevent the title staying on Merseyside for the 10th time in the past 12 years.

League victory for Everton would complete their rise to prominence again, as it would be their second league championship in three seasons.

Irishman Kevin Sheedy, so often their trumpcard, provided the difference for Everton against second bottom Aston Villa.

He collected the only goal of the game in the 53rd minute.

Whilst Everton was

displaying an attack of the jitters, Kenny Dalglish was lifting Liverpool to a superb 3-0 win over Nottingham Forest.

Goals came from Dalglish himself, Ronnie Whelan and new defender Gary Ablett.

In Scotland Rangers maintained its three point margin over Celtic with a 3-0 win over struggling Clydebank, with Robert Fleck, Colin West and Ally McCoist the scorers.

Celtic found the going hard with a 1-1 draw with fourth-placed Dundee United.

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 16 HIGHLY COMPETITIVE

ANY hopes Australia had of surprising its opponents at the World Under 16 Championships in Canada in July been ended by the draw announced last week.

BY GREG RUSSELL

That's the opinion of Queensland's Bruce Stowell, who along with NSW's Vic Dalglish, will lead the Kodak Kids in the second consecutive Under 16 World Championship campaign.

Stowell and Dalglish masterminded Australia's brilliant showing at the inaugural titles in China in 1985 when their team beat West Germany and Argentina in the first round and were eliminated by Guinea, only on penalties in the quarter-finals.

This time, Australia is grouped with Brazil, Saudi Arabia and an as yet undecided European team in first round games in Montreal. And more significantly, Australia plays Saudi Arabia first (July 12), the Europeans

next (July 14) and the Brazilians last (July 16).

"In China we played Argentina and West Germany first up and we had stunned them and beaten them before they could realise who we were," Stowell said.

"If our group opponents in Canada have done their homework, I expect we will be accorded a great deal more respect this time.

By the third game, I think Brazil will know all about us."

But Stowell said despite the tough nature of the draw, he still remained confident his team could match the efforts of the 1985 vintage under 16's.

"We had a tough group

in China and we came through it. We can do the same again," he said.

Although loathe to compare the two squads, Stowell does concede his present outfit is a better defensive unit.

"The two teams each have their own qualities, but I think the one thing to remember is that China proved beyond doubt that we are competitive in the word at this level," Stowell said.

The one aspect of the whole draw which worries Stowell most is the departure from normal World Cup policy of spacing team's games three days apart. The under 16's will play their three first round games in just six days.

"With just one day between each match, we are going to have to be as fit as we can be and hope we can avoid any major injuries. It's a tough program for anyone let alone for 16-year-olds."

COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD

WARNER'S BAY OUT TO WHITEBRIDGE

BY BILL TURNER

WARNERS Bay crashed out of the 1987 girls Commonwealth Bank Shield competition when they were beaten by a determined side from Whitebridge.

Following a quick break Brooke Humphries finished off the move to give the green and whites what turned out to be the winning goal.

Whitebridge clung to the lead, at times having eight and nine players back in defence.

Seeing time slip away, the Warners Bay girls started making their own mistakes, missing relatively easy chances.

In 1985 Warners Bay won the competition, then known as the Kuring-gai Cup, and in 1986 were semi-finalists. Whitebridge now meet the winner of Wallsend and Waratah.

Whitebridge 1 (Brooke Humphries) d Warners Bay 0.

Big Score

Booragul ran up a big tally against an inexperienced Singleton. After leading 4-0 at half-time the Lake Macquarie side added five more by the final whistle.

But for the exploits of the home side's goalkeeper the score may

have been greater. Linda Hungerford did not follow the coaching manual but her saves were effective and often frustrating to the Booragul forwards.

Diminutive winger Melissa Kembrey netted four clever goals for Booragul and could force her way into the Hunter Regional side this year should she maintain her form.

On the other side Hunter representative Janica Weimer score three. Captain Cassandra Adams land by example from the central sweeping position.

Singleton's most dangerous forward, the speedy Donna Hawkins unfortunately twisted her ankle and had to leave the field.

Booragul has drawn another away game, this time at Cessnock. The Coalfielders defeated Dungoo 7-0 in the first round.

Booragul High 9 (Melissa Kembrey 4 Janice Weimer 3 Karen Parter, Michaelle Holo-

han) d Singleton 0 at Singleton. Referee: Mr Graham Finn.

Forster Shines

Forster High came down from the coast to record a good win over Rutherford. Led by captain Nikki Delan, who converted a penalty, Forster were just too strong on the day.

Rebecca Sharp and Rebekah Hanson also had sound games for the northern side.

Despite the three goals Kathy Harris played well in goals while Anne Hardigan picked up a well taken goal for Rutherford.

Forster now has a home game against the Hunter favourites Cardiff who drew a bye in Round One.

Forster High 3 (Jackie Wallis, Linda Hammett, Nikki Dolan p.) defeated Rutherford High 1 (Anne Hardigan) at Rutherford. Referee: Mr K. McMullen.



Young Socceroo Coach Les Scheinflug, Winfield Socceroo Coach Frank Arok, Under-16 National Coach Vic Dalglish

NSW AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION

From next week a widespread cover will be provided in conjunction with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

Don't miss the enhanced reports of Amateur and Junior topics.

ROUND 8 GROUP A

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

Marconi	v	Illawarra	Marconi No.2
Melita	v	Sydney Olympic	Melita Stad.
St George	v	Blacktown City	Peakhurst Park
Apia	v	Ku-ring-gai	Lambert Park
Central Coast	v	Cant/Marrick.	Bill Pluim Mern.
Nepean	v	Sthn. Districts	Cook Park
Sydney City	v	Gladesville	Syd. Athletic

GROUP B

Sutherland	v	Blacktown	Bates Drive
Croatia	v	Macarthur	Jensen Park
Avala	v	Manly	Knight Park
Yugal	v	Nth Bankstown	Jellicoe Park
C/town City	v	Canterbury	Lynwood Park
Polonia	v	Rockdale	Chopin Park
Bankstown	v	Uruguay/Pen.	Memorial Oval

NSW Youth League

ROUND 6

SATURDAY 18th APRIL GROUP A

		U13	U14	U15	U16
Sth Districts	v	Marconi	0-0	0-3	2-3
Sydney Olympic	v	Cant/Marrick.	1-0	1-2	3-0
Blacktown City	v	Illawarra	2-1	2-3	2-0
Melita	v	Apia	0-3	0-2	1-2
Ku-ring-gai	v	St George	0-2	1-2	1-1
Sydney City	v	Central Coast	0-5	0-5	3-1
Gladesville	v	Nepean	1-0	0-4	0-1

GROUP B

Sutherland	v	Rockdale	3-0	1-0	1-1	4-0
Canterbury	v	Macarthur	4-1	0-3	1-1	1-5
Blacktown	v	Manly	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-4
Nth Bankstown	v	Croatia	1-1	0-5	0-4	0-1
Yugal	v	Avala	0-2	4-0	0-7	0-4
C/town City	v	Bankstown	1-2	0-6	2-2	7-0
Uruguay/Pen	v	Polonia	No results available			

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ALBURY WODONGA SPONSORSHIPS

"TODAY'S juniors are tomorrow's champions."

Businessmen in the Albury Wodonga have responded well to a call to give support to local Soccer players.

Last year 50 per cent of juniors who represented NSW Country came from the Riverina. Ten of the players were from Albury.

Local PRO Frank Finlay was grateful for the assistance of the three businessmen (pictured).

It will help to take the boys to AWSA representative games and to the NSW State Championships at Parklea in Sydney.



BORDER Aluminium director John Eades donates to the Albury Wodonga Ass. Also pictured is Riverina PRO Frank Finlay.



Mr Phil Brady of Thomas Jewellers Albury displays a gold watch to be presented to the local Soccer Association as an award.



BAKER Mitsubishi Albury managing director John Baker with his product. He is a sponsor of Albury Wodonga SFA.

The Big APIA — Footscray Clash

ASW's photographer ALEX VESIC was at Lambert Park when APIA asserted themselves in the National League beating J.U.S.T. 3-1.



AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S INTERNATIONALS

AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL RECORD
(As at 1.9.1986)

1978	1st World Women's Invitational Tournament, Taiwan			
Oct.	v Austria	(1-0)	Taipei	(S.Brentnall)
	v USA	(1-1)	Taipei	(S.Mateljan)
	v Sweden	(0-1)	Taipei	
	v Denmark	(0-0)	Taichung	
	v Thailand	(5-0)	Taichung	(S.Mateljan, J.Pettitt 4)
1979	New Zealand tour to Australia, Challenge Cup Test Series			
Oct.	v New Zealand	(2-2)	Sydney	(S.Brentnall, S.Mateljan)
	v New Zealand	(0-1)	Sydney	
	v New Zealand	(1-0)	Brisbane	(D.Hall)
1980	Australia tour to New Zealand, Challenge Cup Test Series			
May	v New Zealand	(3-3)	Auckland	(S.Brentnall, C.Heydon, o/g)
	v New Zealand	(1-1)	Wellington	(R.VanBruinessen)
	v New Zealand	(3-2)	Christchurch	(S.Brentnall 3)
1981	Australia Provincial tour to New Zealand			
Sept.	v Canterbury	(2-0)	Christchurch	(L.Wright, J.Porter)
	v Otago	(6-0)	Wellington	(S.Monteath, J.Dolan, T.Singleton, J.Porter, S.Wass 2)
	v Waikato	(1-0)	Hamilton	(S.Brentnall)
	v New Zealand	(2-1)	Auckland	(S.Brentnall, J.Porter)
1983	Australia tour to Hawaii, Aloha Cup, Honolulu			
March	v He Pua P'ani	(0-1)		(S.Monteath 2, L.Priestley)
	v Royal Hawaii	(3-0)		
	v Leahi	(0-0)		(J.Porter)
	v Hawaii	(1-0)		(o/g)
	v Hawaii	(1-0)		(L.Priestley, K.Millman, R.Iserief)
	v Hawaii	(3-2)		
Nov./	1st Oceania Cup, Noumea			
Dec.	v New Zealand	(0-0)		
	v New Caledonia	(5-0)		(L.Wardell, J.Porter, C.Heydon, J.Dolan 2)
	v Fiji	(13-0)		(C.Heydon 3, S.Monteath 3, L.Wardell 3, R.Iserief 3, K.Millman)
	v New Zealand	(2-3)		(S.Brentnall, J.Dolan)
1984	Xian International Tournament, Xian, China			
Oct.	v USA	(1-0)		(J.Dolan)
	v Tientsin	(3-1)		(R.Iserief 2, K.Lembryk)
	v Shaanxi	(3-2)		(R.Iserief, L.Wardell, H.Watts)
	v Japan	(6-2)		(J.Porter 2, R.Iserief 2, K.Lembryk 2)
	v USA	(0-1)		
Dec.	3rd World Women's Invitational Tournament, Taipei			
	v Japan	(2-2)		(R.Iserief, R.VanBruinessen)
	v USA	(2-1)		(M.Petrov, L.Wardell)
	v West Germany	(0-0)		
	v New Zealand	(0-3)		
	v Mulan	(0-0)		
	v Liangyu	(0-1)		(R.Iserief)
	v Norway	(1-0)		
1986	2nd Oceania Cup, Christchurch, New Zealand			
March	v New Zealand A	(1-0)		(R.Iserief)
	v Chinese Taipei	(0-1)		(S.Monteath, S.Mateljan)
	v New Zealand B	(2-1)		(A.Martin)
	v Chinese Taipei	(1-4)		

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd
Inter Monaro v Blacktown City	0-4	1-3
Wollongong City v Canberra City	2-1	3-4
Ku-ring-gai v Cant M'ville Oly	1-1	4-1
Manly Warringah v Wollongong Mac	1-0	0-2
Uruguayan Penrith v Rockdale Ilinden	0-3	2-1
Sutherland Shire v Warringah F/Water	2-0	1-3
Melita Eagles v Newcastle Rosebud	4-0	4-1

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Campbelltown City v Polonia	2-3	1-5	5-1
Kingsford Hellenic v Nth Syd Antarmoon	7-1	4-0	14-1
Queens Park v Bathurst '75	1-0	1-1	5-1
Sydney Maccabi v Fairy Meadow	0-6	0-3	1-2
Dee Why Swans v SSC Yugal	4-5	0-2	0-1
Avala v Nth Bankstown	2-3	4-4	1-2
Blacktown United v Gladesville Hby	1-1	3-2	2-9

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mt Druitt Town v West United	2-1	2-2	2-1
Baulkham Hills v Port Hacking	1-3	1-0	1-1
Concordia v Granville Chile	1-7	0-2	1-1
Moorebank v Campbelltown	0-0	0-1	2-3
North Ryde RSL v Uni. of NSW	1-5	0-0	2-1
King Tomislav v Bondi Marine	3-2	1-4	1-1
Canterbury v Rooty Hill	2-5	0-5	0-3

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Hawkesbury Dist. v Rosebery	2-3	0-3
Chelsea v Dulwich Hill	4-2	0-3
Padstow Park v Pagewood	0-2	1-2
Nineveh Eagles v Fairfield Kiev	3-0	3-2
Spanish Club v Eastwood S/A	0-1	4-1
West St George v Sydney Uni	2-0	4-1

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Concord Jnrs v Macquarie Uni	3-0	0-1
Schofields v Greenisland	0-3	3-3
Welcome Sports v Liverpool City	1-1	0-3
Chile Sports v Wentworth Waratah	2-0	1-4
Rangers Hajduk v Maroubra	3-1	1-2
Haberfield Peru v Trasandinos	0-7	0-2

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Cyprus United v Abruzzi	2-0	1-0
Lansvale United v Petersham	0-3	1-0
Castle Hill v Crescent Star	0-4	0-1
Macedonia Yagoona v Murray Farm	6-2	4-1
SSC Zagreb v Lithgow Workmen	5-0	2-1
Blacktown Wands v Petersham	Postponed	
Colo-Colo v Lansvale United	3-2	2-1

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Greystanes v Chullora	6-0	3-2
Hellas v Luddenham Croatia	7-2	2-6
Mt Pritchard v Assyrian	1-0	—
Amcliffe RSL v Prospect United	1-3	2-2
Orange Waratah v Liverpool Oly	4-3	7-0
Lebanon v Alexander	5-1	2-4
Assyrian v Luddenham Croatia	4-0	1-0
Chullora v Prospect United	2-2	0-11

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polonia	6	4	2	0	20	5	10
Fairy Meadow It	6	4	1	1	15	4	9
Sy Maccabi	6	4	1	1	12	9	9
N. Bankstown	6	4	1	1	9	6	9
Kingsford Hell	6	3	1	2	10	8	7
Queens Park	6	3	0	3	5	4	6
SSC Yugal	5	3	0	2	9	11	6
Bathurst '75	6	2	1	3	4	4	5
Blacktown Utd	6	2	1	3	7	9	5
Dee Why S	6	1	2	3	7	10	4
North S-Art	6	2	0	4	7	17	4
Avala	5	0	3	2	7	9	3
Gladesville-H	6	1	1	4	3	11	3
Campbelltown	6	1	0	5	5	13	2

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Campbelltown	6	5	0	1	17	10	10
Queens Park	6	4	2	0	9	2	10
Polonia	6	4	1	1	19	7	9
Blacktown U	6	4	1	1	15	11	9
Kingsford H	6	3	2	1	16	10	8
Avala	5	2	2	1	14	12	8
Gladesville-H	6	3	1	2	17	12	7
SSC Yugal	5	2	1	2	9	6	5
N. Bankstown	6	2	1	3	13	14	5
Bathurst '75	6	1	3	2	5	12	5
Fairy Meadow	6	1	1	4	14	18	3
Syd. Maccabi	6	1	0	5	5	16	2
N. Syd-Art	6	0	1	5	12	25	1
Dee Why	6	0	0	6	4	14	0

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsford H	6	6	0	0	32	2	12
N. Bankstown	6	5	1	0	27	2	11
Queens Park	6	5	1	0	22	3	11
Campbelltown	6	5	0	1	19	4	10
Avala	5	3	1	1	15	4	7
Yugal	5	3	0	2	11	5	6
Fairy Meadow	6	2	1	3	7	19	5
Gladesville-H	6	2	0	4	16	13	4
Dee Why S	6	2	0	4	4	10	4
Polonia	6	1	1	4	11	14	3
Bathurst '75	6	1	1	4	5	16	3
Blacktown U	6	1	1	4	5	18	3
N. Sydney Art	6	1	0	5	2	43	2
Syd. Maccabi	6	0	1	5	0	23	1

Semi-finals: Olympia-

WPL 4 (Goldsmith, Morton, Nichols, Forster)
Howrah 1 (Schueler);
Juventus 2 (Frediani, Genovesi) White Eagles 1 (R. Leszczynski).

Final: Juventus-

Pioneer 1 (Genovesi)
Olympia-WPL 0.
Top Goalscorers:
Frank Genovesi (Juventus-Pioneer) 5 — Cadbury League Section; Michael McIntyre (Metro-Clarmont) 4 — Rothmans League Section.



The Wide World of Football

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY present the best coverage of the world game as **FRANK COLETTA** brings you the latest news and views along with the best pics from overseas.

FACT-FILE EURO GROUP CHECK

GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Rumania	2	1	0	1	4	1	2
Austria	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Albania	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

Scorers:

Iovan (Rum) 2; Michel, Artech, Joaquin (Sp), Lacatus, Hagi (Rum), Orgrs, Polster, Linzmaier (Aus), Muca (Alb) 1 each.

Fixtures:

25.3.87 Rumania v Albania; 1.4.87 Austria v Spain; 29.4.87 Albania v Austria; Rumania v Spain; 14.10.87 Spain v Austria; 28.10.87 Albania v Rumania; 18.11.87 Spain v Albania; Austria v Rumania.

GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	4	4	0	0	11	2	8
Sweden	3	2	1	0	8	1	5
Portugal	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Switzerland	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Malta	3	0	0	3	0	12	0

Scorers:

Altobelli (It) 6; Ekstrom (Swe) 4; Magnusson (Swe) 2; Stromberg, Fredriksson (Swe), Coelho, Fernandes (Por), Bagni, Bergomi, Donadoni, Ferri, Vialli (It), Bregy, Brigger, Weber (Swit) 1 each.

Fixtures:

29.3.87 Portugal v Malta; 15.4.87 Switzerland v Malta; 6.5.87 Sweden v Malta; 3.6.87 Sweden v Italy; 17.6.87 Switzerland v Sweden; 23.9.87 Sweden v Portugal; 17.10.87 Switzerland v Italy; 11.11.87 Portugal v Switzerland; 14.11.87 Italy v Sweden; 15.11.87 Malta v Switzerland; 5.12.87 Italy v Portugal; 20.12.87 Malta v Portugal.

GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
East Germany	3	1	2	0	2	0	3
Iceland	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
France	3	0	2	1	0	2	1
Norway	2	0	1	1	0	4	1

Scorers:

Belanov (USSR) 2; Blokhin, Khidiatulin, Litovchenko, Rats, Sulakvelidze (USSR), Kirsten, Thom (EG), Gudjohnsen (Ice) 1 each.

Fixtures:

29.4.87 France v Iceland; USSR v East Germany; 3.6.87 Norway v USSR; Iceland v East Germany; 16.6.87 Norway v France; 9.9.87 USSR v France; Iceland v Norway; 23.9.87 Norway v Iceland; 10.10.87 East Germany v USSR; 14.10.87 France v Norway; 28.10.87 USSR v Iceland; East Germany v Norway; 18.11.87 France v East Germany.

GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
N. Ireland	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Turkey	2	0	1	1	0	4	1

Scorers:

Zlatko Vujovic (Yug) 3; Lineker (Eng) 2; Anderson, Mabbutt, Waddle (Eng), Savicevic (Yug) 1 each.

Fixtures:

1.4.87 N. Ireland v England; 29.4.87 N. Ireland v Yugoslavia; Turkey v England; 14.10.87 Yugoslavia v N. Ireland; England v Turkey; 11.11.87 Yugoslavia v England; N. Ireland v Turkey; 16.12.87 Turkey v Yugoslavia.

GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	4	3	0	1	10	6	6
Holland	3	2	1	0	3	0	5
Poland	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Hungary	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	3	10	0

Scorers:

Anastopoulos (Gr) 5; Boda (Hun), Dziekanowski (Pol) 2; Bosman, Gullit, Van Basten (Hol), Antoniou, Batsinilas, Bonovas, Mitropoulos, Papaiannu (Gr), Christofi, Savva, Savvides (Cyp) 1 each.

Fixtures:

25.3.87 Holland v Greece; 12.4.87 Poland v Cyprus; 29.4.87 Greece v Poland; Holland v Hungary; 17.5.87 Hungary v Poland; 23.9.87 Poland v Hungary; 14.10.87 Hungary v Greece; Poland v Holland; 28.10.87 Holland v Cyprus; 11.11.87 Cyprus v Poland; 2.12.87 Hungary v Cyprus; 16.12.87 Greece v Holland.

GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czechoslovakia	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Denmark	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Wales	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Finland	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

Scorers:

Janecka, Knoflicek, Kula (Cz), Bertelsen (Den), Slatter (Wal), Hjelm (Fin) 1 each.

Fixtures:

1.4.87 Wales v Finland; 29.4.87 Finland v Denmark; Wales v Czechoslovakia; 3.6.87 Denmark v Czechoslovakia; 9.9.87 Wales v Denmark; Finland v Czechoslovakia; 14.10.87 Denmark v Wales; 11.11.87 Czechoslovakia v Wales.

GROUP 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	3	1	2	0	9	3	4
Scotland	4	1	2	1	3	1	4
Rep. Ireland	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Bulgaria	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

Scorers:

Claesen (Bel) 4; Cooper (Scot) 2; Ceulemans, Gerets, Janssen, Scifo, Vercauteren (Bel), Johnston (Scot), Brady, Lawrenson, Stapleton (Rep. I), Tanev (Bul) 1 each.

Fixtures:

1.4.87 Bulgaria v Rep. Ireland; Belgium v Scotland; 29.4.87 Rep. Ireland v Belgium; 30.4.87 Luxembourg v Bulgaria; 20.5.87 Bulgaria v Luxembourg; 28.5.87 Luxembourg v Rep. Ireland; 9.9.87 Rep. Ireland v Luxembourg; 23.9.87 Bulgaria v Belgium; 14.10.87 Scotland v Belgium; Rep. Ireland v Bulgaria; 11.11.87 Belgium v Luxembourg; Bulgaria v Scotland; 2.12.87 Luxembourg v Scotland.

West Germany qualified as hosts.

Top scorers:

Altobelli (Italy) 6, Anastopoulos (Greece) 5; Claesen (Belgium), Ekstrom (Sweden) 4 each; Zlatko Vujovic (Yugoslavia) 3.

MICK IS STOKED ABOUT TALBOT!

THE arrival of BRIAN 'Turbo' TALBOT at second division STOKE CITY has done wonders for the club manager MICK MILLS claims.

Mills gives the credit for their amazing climb from the bottom of the Second Division to a promotion-challenging slot to the acquisition of new boys Talbot and Nicky Morgan.

He also explains that the resurrection was always going to be difficult without the kind of experience and leadership that he would be able to offer as a player and not manager.

Say Mills: "I'd decided not to play because it was getting harder and harder with each game to live up to the standards I'd set myself at Ipswich and Southampton.

"The balance of the squad seemed too much in favour of youth and there's no doubt I was expecting too much of the lads.

"Although we had a bad time at the start, I was always confident we'd get it right. I must have sounded like the ever-optimistic manager but I really believed it."

Mills knew it wouldn't be easy to persuade his former Ipswich colleague Talbot to swap the club captaincy at Watford for a place in the second division's bottom side.

"I had to sell Brian the idea of coming here," he explains, "but I also had to convince the Board it was worthwhile going deeper into debt to sign him.

"With Nicky my tactics were different. I got him up here on loan and his displays did my talking for me," he ended.

PAUL MARINER FINDS A HOME AT PORT!

FORMER England international PAUL MARINER has added the icing to the cake for hopeful Portsmouth, who have been labelled a team of 'kickers'.

Mariner's acquisition has helped to diminish the fire of resentment a little, but the consensus is that Pompey are kicking their way to promotion.

After near misses in each of the last two seasons the club desperately

wants to clinch a promotion place this time round.

But they are angry at being labelled dirty and accused of adopting strong-arm tactics to ensure the big-time doesn't elude them yet again.

Winger Kevin O'Callaghan argues: "We seem to have gained a reputation as hard men but that's unfair. We're in such a strong position in the League because we're one of the top sides. We are certainly not over-physical."

However, Callaghan does admit that Pompey are not exactly proud of their disciplinary record. Yet he feels referees often over-react because a Portsmouth player is involved in an incident.

"We sometimes feel referees are looking for trouble when they take charge of our games. Our record has been built up in the media and we're considered a bunch of trouble-makers before the game even gets under way."



PAUL MARINER

O'Callaghan's former Ipswich colleague PAUL MARINER has boosted Pompey's promotion drive since his arrival on a free transfer from Arsenal last summer.

"He's brought out the best in Mick Quinn, whose scoring record speaks for itself," explains O'Callaghan. "And his experience and know-how has rubbed off on some of the other lads too."

"Paul has been a great buy. His sense of humour has added to the dressing-room spirit. At the end of the day, though, he's just as hungry to have another crack at the First Division and it would be great for all of us if he did it with Portsmouth."

The Kiwi Column

NEXT month GENNAAY SMIRNOF arrives in Auckland to begin a three week tour of New Zealand.

He is Professor of Football at Moscow Institute of Physical Culture, and his main function while in the Shaky Isles will be to coach youngsters and to lecture to senior coaches in Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Napier, Gisborne and Manawatu.

THE New Zealand National League, known as the Air New Zealand League is doing quite nicely thank you!

Last weekend 31 goals were slammed in, that's over four per game and you'd have to go a long way to catch a better match than the one between Papatoetoe and Wellington, a rip-roaring 4-4 draw.

THE Kiwi's are generally known for getting up to some sort of K(C)apers! But the current one involving a host of goalkeepers takes a bit of beating.

Former Gisborne custodian Rid Renfrew is caught up in some honest to goodness bureaucracy as he attempts to join Miramar, whose reserve keeper Craig Thompson has just given football away.

To add to Miramar's woes, newly signed Alan Harrison was injured in training on Saturday and Wayne Nicholls was pulled out of retirement for the second time in three weeks.

Wellington's Don Finlayson and Hutt Valley's Rudi Feitsman have both been sent off this season.

Dunedin veteran Jim Taylor was stretched off a fortnight ago and as two subs had been used, understudy David White couldn't go on!

The ANZSL keepers will be lucky to get through the next couple of weeks unscathed!



ACTION from the 4-all draw in New Zealand between Papatoetoe and Wellington.

Frank's brave battle

A serious back injury has brought the career of Aberdeen striker Frank McDougall to a premature end.

The 29-year-old former Clydebank and St. Mirren player broke a bone in his back in last year's Scottish Cup Final but he fought back bravely and, having resumed light training in January, had high hopes of getting back into action before the end of this season.

But on a recent visit to a specialist all Frank's future plans went up in smoke.

"I was told that if I did not quit playing I would be running the risk of being permanently crippled," laments the man who won the SHOOT/adidas Golden Boot award as Scotland's top scorer in season 1984-85.

"To be perfectly honest, I was always aware of the danger of being told to quit so I

was in some small way prepared for it. But it is a terrible blow nonetheless.

"Now I have to make plans for the future and I have already made up my mind that I will not be involved in football in any capacity.

"I was a terrible spectator even when I had hopes of making a comeback so, now that I know I will never kick a ball again, I cannot bear to watch others playing.

"I will never watch another match!"

As the unfortunate player ponders his future, Aberdeen are making plans to ease the burden on Frank and his family. High on their list of priorities will be a testimonial match... with former Pittodrie boss Alex Ferguson tipped to take Manchester United to Aberdeen to honour McDougall.



Archibald fury

Barcelona striker STEVE ARCHIBALD has launched a furious attack on FA secretary TED CROKER after failing to get permission to stage his Soccer Aid for Africa match in England. Says the Barcelona striker: "Crocker's attitude was shocking. I am very angry. British football fans have lost out on a great game due to his hostility. But the real losers will be the starving people of Africa."

Provan's Career Crisis

FORMER Scotland star Davie Provan has spent more than a year in the Soccer wilderness and admits: "My career could be over."

The last thing Celtic's winger wants is to call it a day. But Provan is a realist and says: "If I'm not making any progress six months from now I'll be thinking very seriously about my future."

"Naturally, I live in hope. What I want more than anything else is to make a complete recovery. It could happen."

"But I'd be lying if I said I wasn't worried. It's not easy to talk about quitting but I have to face the fact that time is running out for me."

"It would be different if I was a few years younger. But I'm 30 and don't have time on my side."

Provan is suffering from the little-known illness of Post Viral Fatigue Syndrome, for which the only possible cure is rest.

"There is nothing that orthodox medicine can do for me," explains Provan. "My only chance is to take things easy and hope that I recover sooner than later."

"When I was playing I'd never heard of this illness but since my situation has been publicised I've been inundated with letters from fellow sufferers."

"The trouble is, it's such a variable illness. Some people have made a complete recovery after six months but I know of others who've had it for ten years."

"Obviously, as a footballer it isn't easy to be told that you mustn't exercise. But it's my only

hope. I don't have any choice."

Provan's problems began with a bout of gastric flue that should have had him confined to bed. But instead he continued to train and play, thinking he could shake it off.

"That's where I made a terrible mistake," he reflects. "By not resting my resistance was weakened and the virus multiplied in my system."

"My condition baffled several doctors and I was forced to consult a top specialist for a verdict. If it had been diagnosed earlier I might have been back playing by now."

Provan's last appearance in the green and white hoops was at Ibrox in November, 1985, when Celtic were beaten 3-0 by arch-rivals Rangers.

My recalls: "I felt really ill that day. My legs

were like lead, I was struggling to breathe and I was dizzy and light-headed."

"Even my vision was disturbed. I remember going over to take a corner and I couldn't see the ball properly. It was just a blur."

"The club have been magnificent. I go with the first team squad to every game to keep me involved."

"I've also represented the club at a number of functions and everyone at Parkhead, from the very top downwards, has been encouraging."

"But it's still been very difficult to adjust. Life is about as normal as I can make it but it's frustrating. Most days I sleep right through to lunchtime."

"And when I wake up I keep praying I'll be on the mend."

Leeds on the look-out

Leeds scouts have been keeping a close watch on Preston strikers JOHN THOMAS and 17-year-old NIGEL JEMSON. Another Deepdale star who has been under scrutiny is goalkeeper ALAN KELLY.

DAVID O'Leary aims to complete the best season of his football career by regaining his place in the Eire national side.

The 28-year-old defender has played a leading role in Arsenal's success this term. Now he is desperate to end a year long absence from Jack Charlton's team.

"I haven't played since our 1-0 defeat by Wales last March," says O'Leary. "I thought I did well."

"Arsenal played a total of 54 games last season and I missed only five. Unfortunately they were all at the end of the season, which meant I also missed out on the Republic's home game against Uruguay at the end of April."

"However, I was still confident of adding to my 40 caps and making the travelling party for the triangular tournament in Reykjavik at the end of May."

"But when the squad was announced I wasn't in. So I booked a holiday in Portugal for myself and the family. Not an unreasonable thing to do at the end of a long season!"

"But owing to withdrawals from the squad, Jack called me up just two days before I was due to fly to Portugal. Unfortunately at that late stage I couldn't change my plans."

"The Republic went on to win the tournament in Iceland, but I wasn't the only one who didn't travel."

"Since then I have been ignored for the games against Belgium, Scotland (twice), Poland, and I expect, Bulgaria."

"I have not got over the initial disappointment, but I feel sorry for my parents back home in Dublin every time the squad is announced."

"There is nothing more I can do except to continue to give my best for Arsenal. Everybody at the club agrees that this is probably my best season since I joined as a 17-year-old."

One of the many who share this view is assistant manager Theo Foley, himself a former Eire international.

"Theo has been a great help," says David. "He has his own ideas and along with George Graham has made my life at Highbury more interesting."

Meanwhile Eire manager Charlton says that he has plenty of defenders. The Manchester pairing of Kevin Moran and Mick McCarthy have been the regular central defenders.

Mark Lawrenson has often been unavailable because of injury and Big Jack prefers to use Paul McGrath in midfield.

Jack says he does not bear a grudge and has obviously forgiven the Liverpool trio of Beglin, Lawrenson and Whelan, who also missed the Reykjavik tournament because of a holiday with Liverpool.

But how much longer can he ignore the claims of the towering Arsenal defender?

Newcastle centre-half JEFF CLARKE fears for his future at St James' Park following a four-month lay-off.

"I believe I will be given a free transfer at the end of the season and I'm willing to move anywhere for a game."



The top results service

WEDNESDAY

WEST GERMAN DIV 1: FC Homburg 1 Hamburg SV 1; Waldhof Mannheim 4 Kaiserslautern 3.

DUTCH DIV 1: PEC Zwolle 1 Den Haag 1; VVV Venlo 1 Fortuna Sittard 1; Groningen 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 4; Twente Enschede 0.

PORTUGUESE DIV 1: Varzim 1 Sporting 1; Benfica 1 Salgueiros 0; Guimaraes 1 Rio Ave 0; Elvas 1 Academica 1; Porto 3 Braga 1; Farense 4 Portimonense 0; Maritimo 3 Belenenses 2; Boavista 1 Farense 3.

SPANISH DIV 1: Athletic Bilbao 1 Osasuna 4; Las Palmas 0.

ITALY: No first division matches because of friendly international.

THURSDAY

ENGLISH FA CUP: Semi-final (at Hillsborough, Sheffield): Coventry 3 Leeds 2 (after extra time. Score at 90 minutes 2-2. Coventry meet Tottenham in the final at Wembley on Saturday, May 16.)

ENGLISH DIV 2: Birmingham 0 West Bromwich 1.

ENGLISH DIV 4: Northampton 2 Orient 0.

SWEDISH DIV 1: AIK Stockholm 3 Halmstad 0; Brage 0 IFK Gothenburg 2; Malmö 2; Froelunda 2; Sundsvall 1; Norrköping 2; Örgryte 0; Hammarby 0; Öster 1; Elfsborg 0.

AUSTRIAN DIV 1: Rapid Vienna 1 Austria 3; Sturm Graz 1; Admira Wacker 0; Voest Linz 0; FC Tyrol 1; Sportclub Vienna 2; Linzer ASK 3.

SOVIET DIV 1: Kairat Alma Ata 0 Ararat Yerevan 1; Zenit Leningrad 1; Neftchi Baku 1; Zhalgiris Vilnius 3; Dynamo Tbilisi 1; Dinamo Minsk 3; Guria Lanchkuti 0; Spartak Moscow 3; CSKA Moscow 1; Metallist Kharkov 1; Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 0.

SPANISH DIV 1: Espanol 2 Sporting 1; Real Mallorca 2; Real Zaragoza 2; Real Madrid 0; Barcelona 0; Sevilla 1; Real Valladolid 2; Real Murcia 1; Atletico Madrid 2; Real Sociedad 2; Real Betis 0.

SUNDAY

WEST GERMAN DIV 1: Rapid Vienna 1 Austria 3; Sturm Graz 1; Admira Wacker 0; Voest Linz 0; FC Tyrol 1; Sportclub Vienna 2; Linzer ASK 3.

DUTCH DIV 1: PEC Zwolle 1 Den Haag 1; VVV Venlo 1 Fortuna Sittard 1; Groningen 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 4; Twente Enschede 0.

PORTUGUESE DIV 1: Varzim 1 Sporting 1; Benfica 1 Salgueiros 0; Guimaraes 1 Rio Ave 0; Elvas 1 Academica 1; Porto 3 Braga 1; Farense 4 Portimonense 0; Maritimo 3 Belenenses 2; Boavista 1 Farense 3.

SPANISH DIV 1: Athletic Bilbao 1 Osasuna 4; Las Palmas 0.

ITALY: No first division matches because of friendly international.

SOVIET DIV 1: Kairat Alma Ata 0 Ararat Yerevan 1; Zenit Leningrad 1; Neftchi Baku 1; Zhalgiris Vilnius 3; Dynamo Tbilisi 1; Dinamo Minsk 3; Guria Lanchkuti 0; Spartak Moscow 3; CSKA Moscow 1; Metallist Kharkov 1; Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 0.

SPANISH DIV 1: Espanol 2 Sporting 1; Real Mallorca 2; Real Zaragoza 2; Real Madrid 0; Barcelona 0; Sevilla 1; Real Valladolid 2; Real Murcia 1; Atletico Madrid 2; Real Sociedad 2; Real Betis 0.

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